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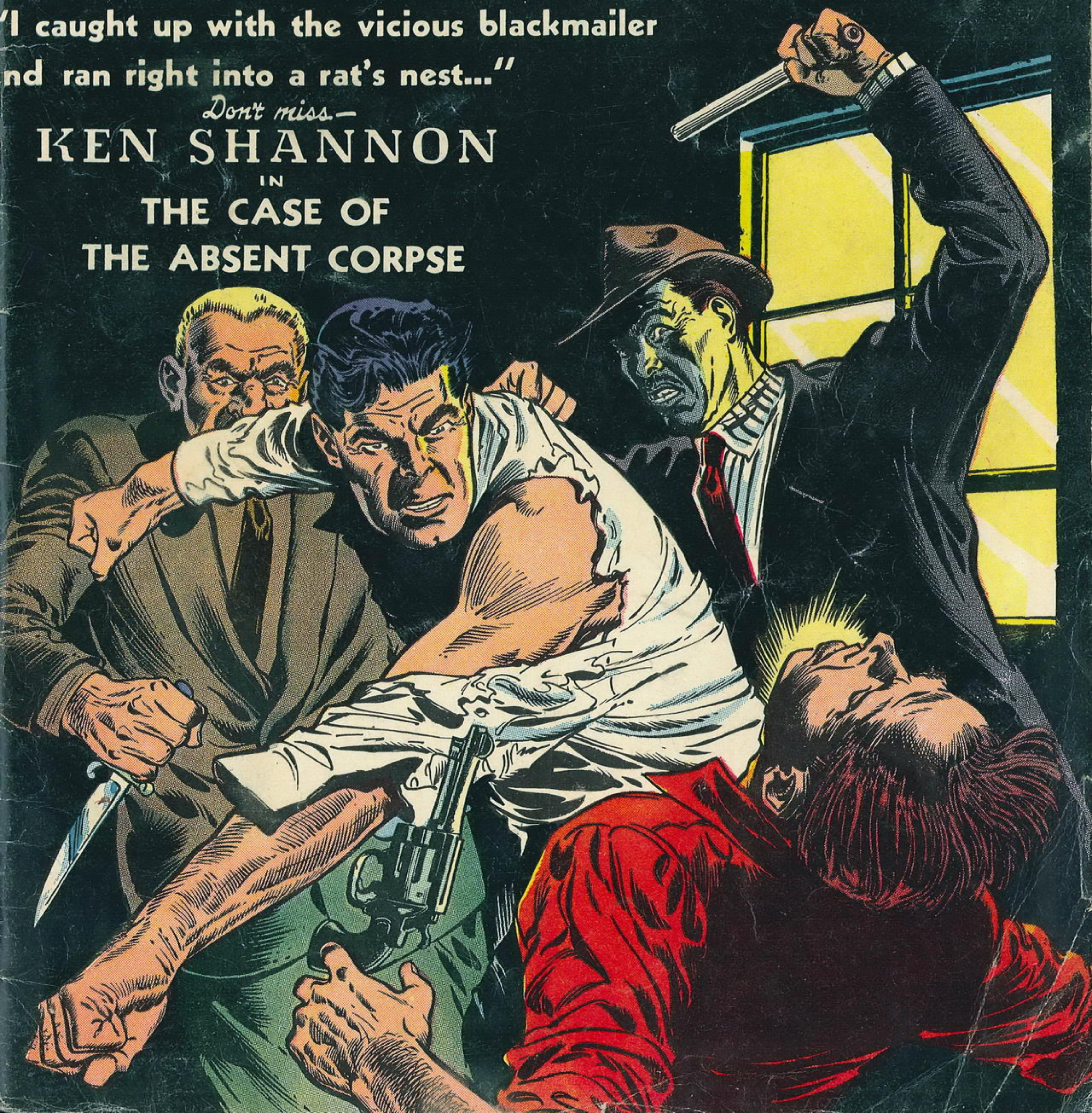
"I caught up with the vicious blackmailer
and ran right into a rat's nest..."

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KEN SHANNON

IN

**THE CASE OF
THE ABSENT CORPSE**





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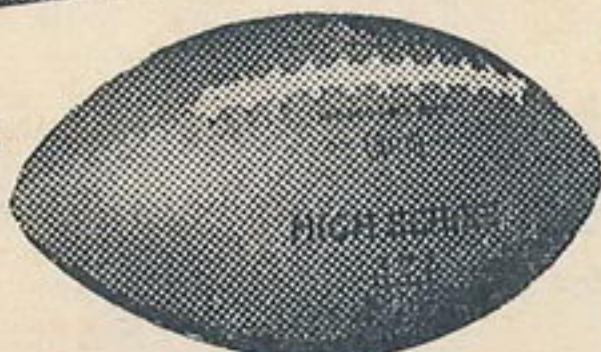
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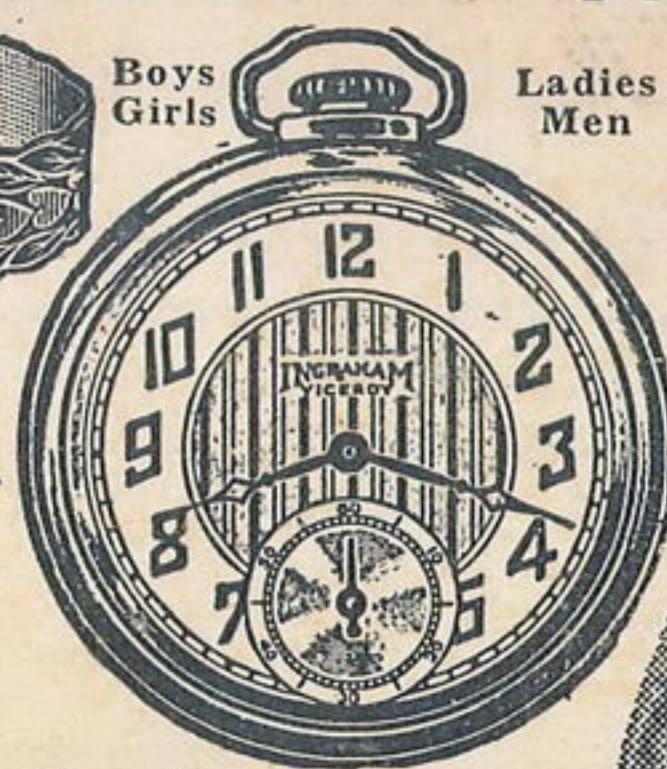
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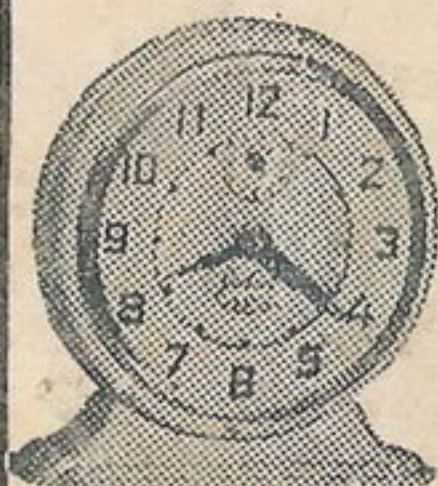
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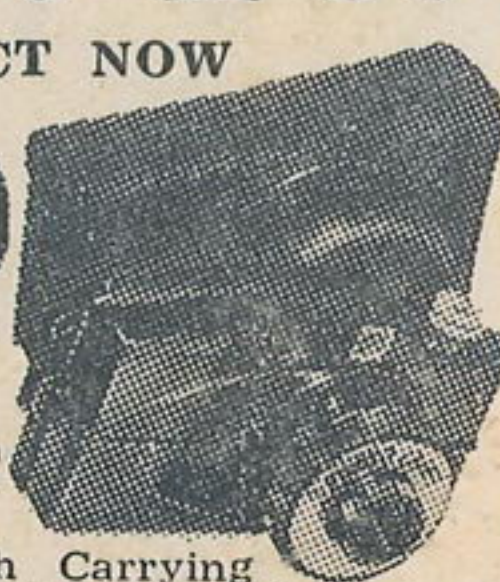
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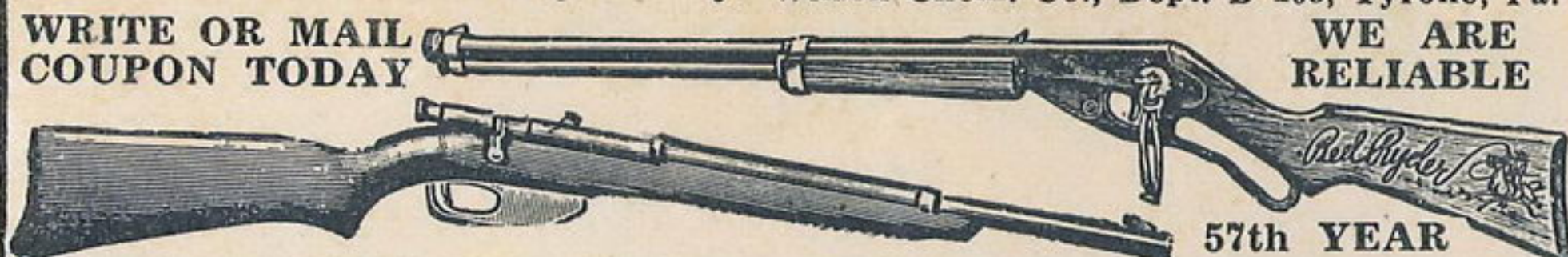
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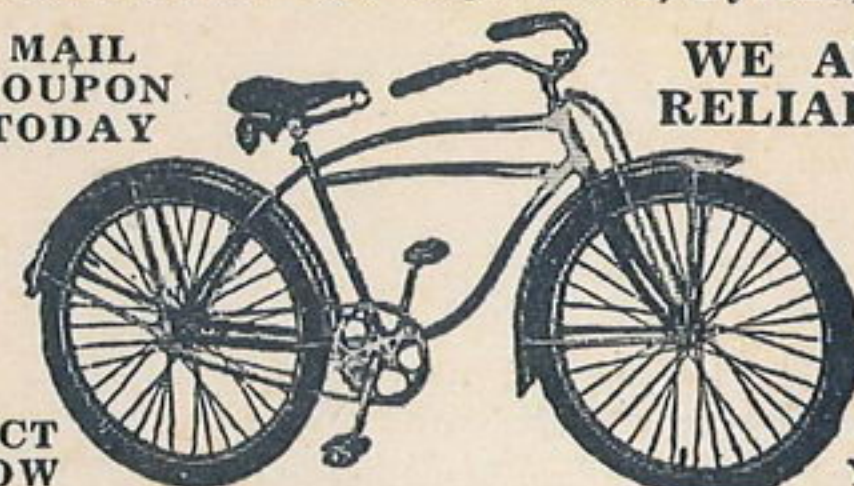
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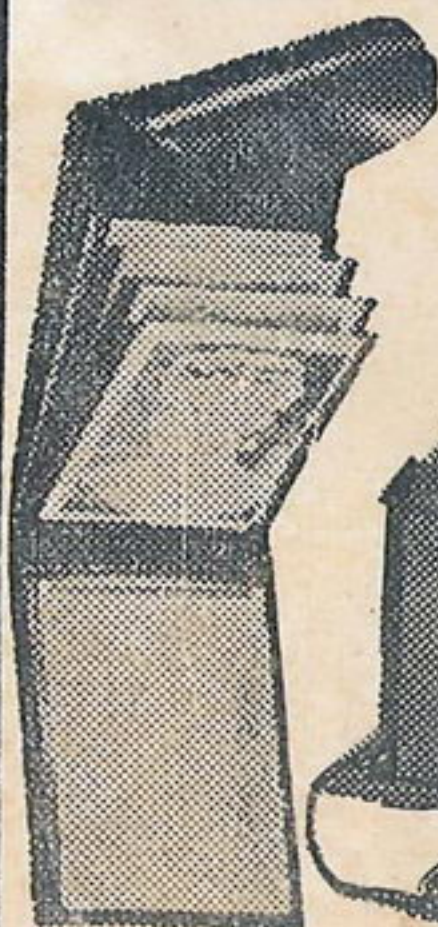
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KEN SHANNON

IT ALL BEGAN AS A SIMPLE CASE OF BLACKMAIL ... NO STICKIER THAN A DOZEN OTHER CASES THAT I'VE HANDLED BEFORE! THEN, SUDDENLY, THIS CASE CEASED BEING SIMPLE! THERE WAS A MURDERED MAN, FOR ONE THING, AND MY OWN PRECIOUS CLIENT WAS THE GAL BEHIND THE GUN! FOR ANOTHER THING, I MISLAID THE BODY OF THE MURDERED MAN, AND LIEUTENANT ART CLYDE OF HOMICIDE WAS DARNED UNSYMPATHETIC WHEN I PRESENTED HIM WITH THE ...

CASE OF THE ABSENT CORPSE!

GLORIA AKELY



She had a bright future ahead of her, if only the past wouldn't trip her up!

ART CLYDE

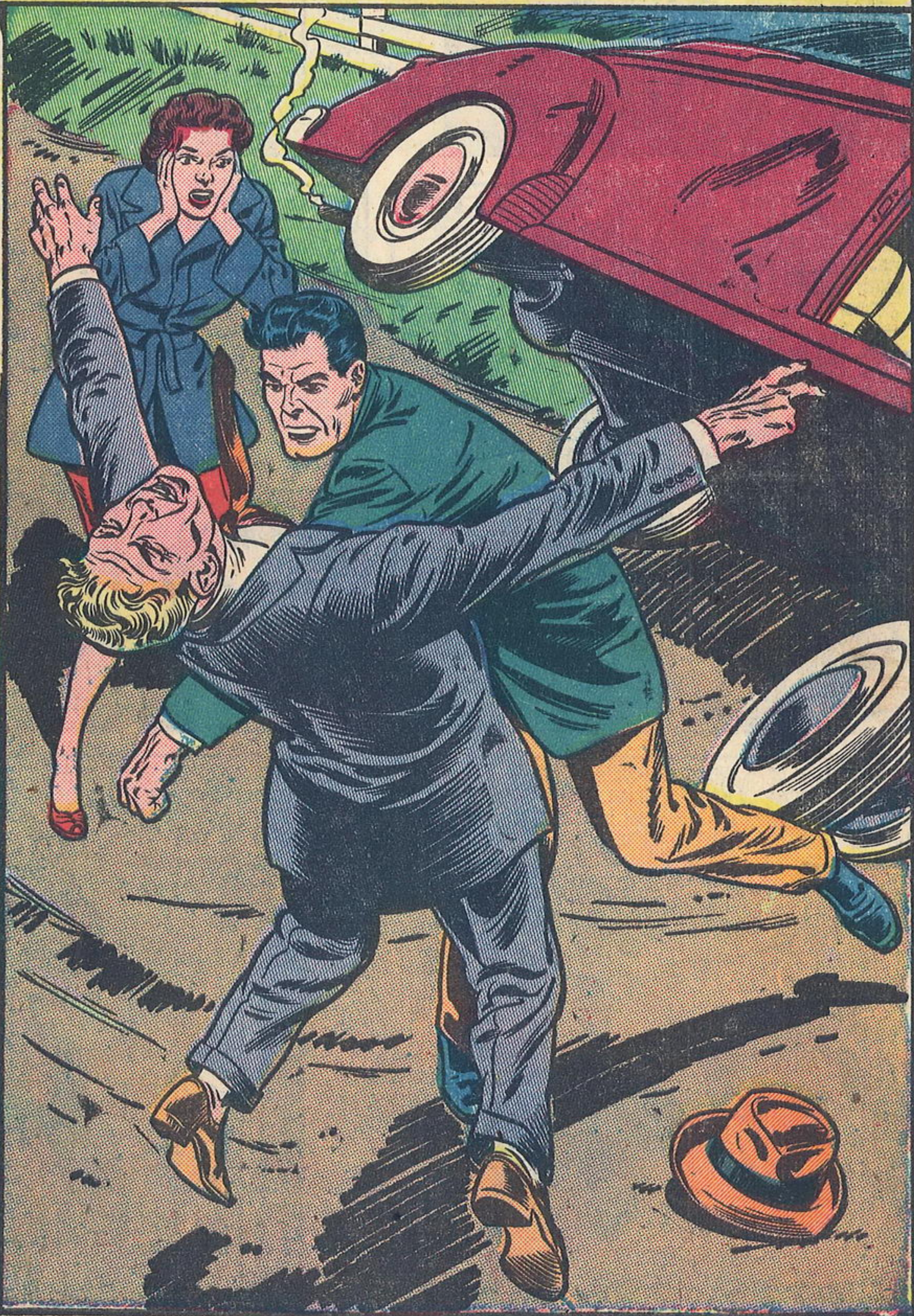


My old pal from homicide, who wouldn't believe that corpses can vanish!

LESTER PIZER



He was harder to find dead...than alive!



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I REMEMBER DISTINCTLY MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF GLORIA AKELY! NO MAN FORGETS A PAIR OF GAMS LIKE THAT...



...AND THE REST OF HER LIVED UP TO MY FONDEST EXPECTATIONS! I COULD TELL BY THE WAY MY SECRETARY, DEE DEE DAWSON, HOVERED IN THE DOORWAY THAT SHE DIDN'T LIKE LEAVING US ALONE!

WILL YOU NEED ME FOR ANYTHING, MR. SHANNON?



JUST CLOSE THE DOOR, DEE DEE! THIS IS PRIVATE!



I'M IN TROUBLE, MR. SHANNON! I WAS TOLD THAT YOU ARE A PRIVATE DETECTIVE WHO KEEPS HIS CASES CONFIDENTIAL!

SOMETIMES I DON'T TELL MYSELF SOME OF THE THINGS I KNOW! WHAT'S THE STORY, MISS AKELY?



AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, MY HUSBAND, HENRY AKELY, OCCUPIES A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT! NO BREATH OF SCANDAL CAN BE ALLOWED TO TOUCH HIM! HENRY IS, OF COURSE, ABOVE REPROACH!



...BUT I'M AFRAID THAT I'M NOT! SOME YEARS AGO I FELL INDISCREETLY IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER MAN! HE WAS A SCOUNDREL! WHEN HE WAS SENT TO PRISON FOR THEFT, I WROTE HIM CERTAIN LETTERS...

AND NOW HE WANTS PAYMENT FOR THOSE LETTERS, THREATENING TO TURN THEM OVER TO YOUR HUSBAND IF YOU DON'T PAY UP!



EXACTLY! B-BUT HOW DID YOU GUESS?

MRS. AKELY, THAT KIND OF BLACKMAIL HAS BEEN GOING ON EVER SINCE MAN FIRST LEARNED HOW TO WRITE! DON'T WORRY, THOUGH! I THINK WE CAN DEAL WITH HIM! JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

I HAD GLORIA ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THIS WOULD-BE BLACKMAILER... AT HER HOME! WHEN THE DAY CAME, I TAGGED ALONG...



THERE'S A GENTLEMAN WAITING FOR YOU IN THE LIBRARY, MRS. AKELY!

WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING HIM, SUZANNE!

AND HE'S NO GENTLEMAN!



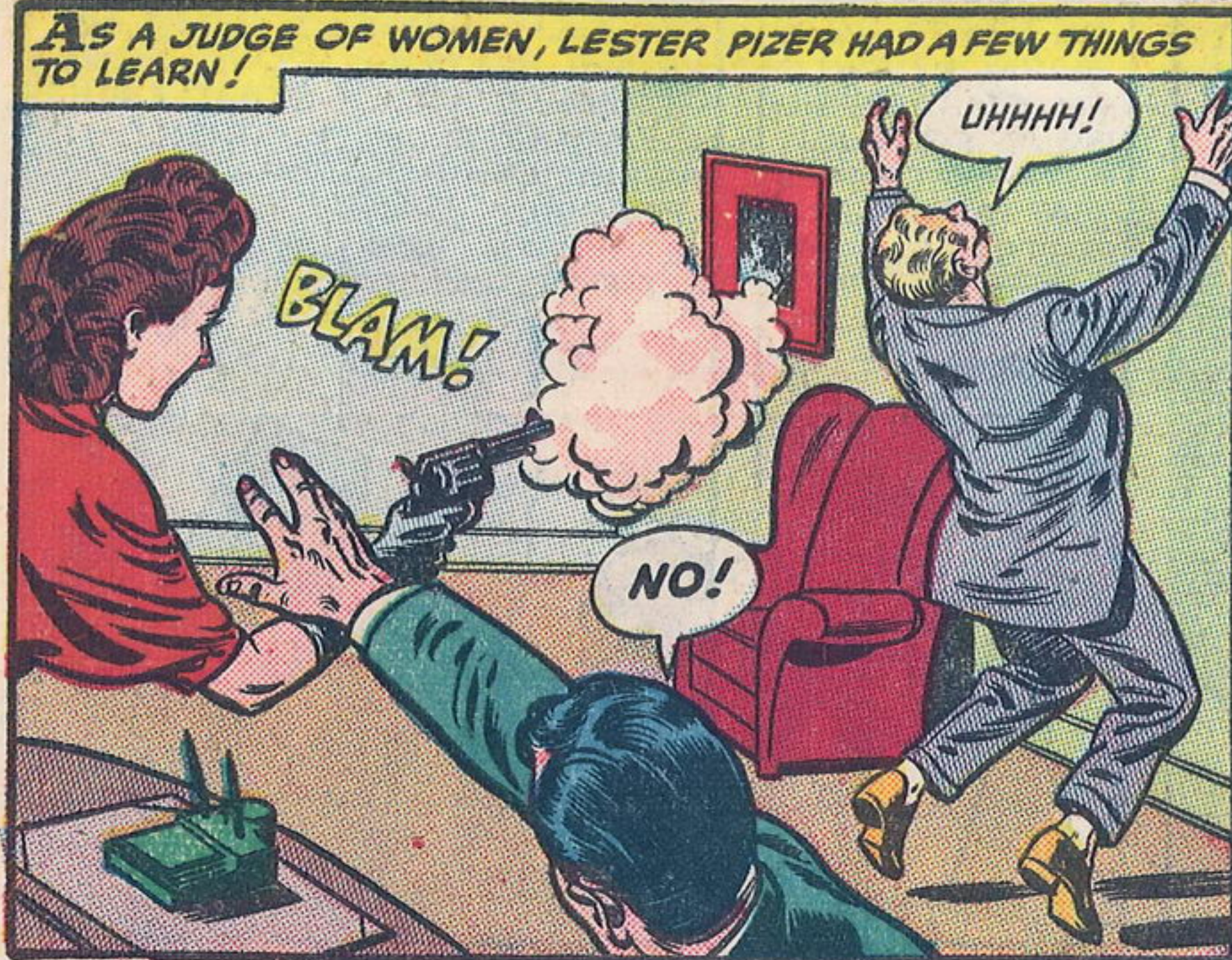
CALLING LESTER PIZER NO GENTLEMAN WAS THE YEAR'S WORST UNDER-STATEMENT! HE WAS THE SLIMIEST LOOKING REPTILE THAT EVER SLITHERED HIS WAY INTO POLITE SOCIETY!



LESTER PIZER FELT THAT SLAP RIGHT DOWN INTO THE NERVE ENDS OF HIS TEETH! BUT HE HAD MORE GUTS THAN MOST BLACK-MAILERS! HE WOULDN'T SCARE!



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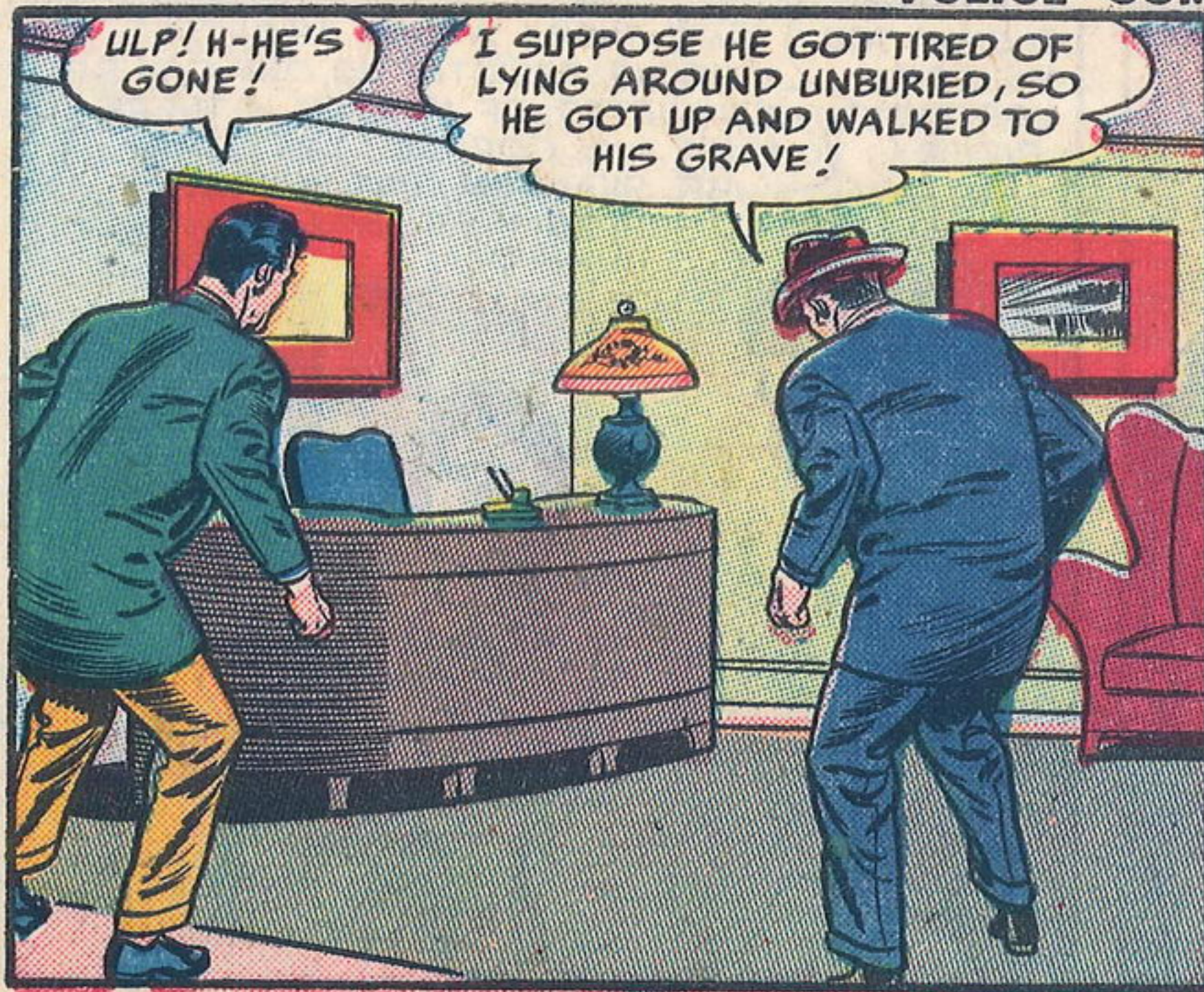


GLORIA AKELY GOT HYSTERICAL THEN, AND I HAD TO TAKE HER AWAY FROM THE SIGHT OF LESTER PIZER'S REMAINS! THE REALIZATION OF WHAT SHE'D DONE OVERWHELMED HER!

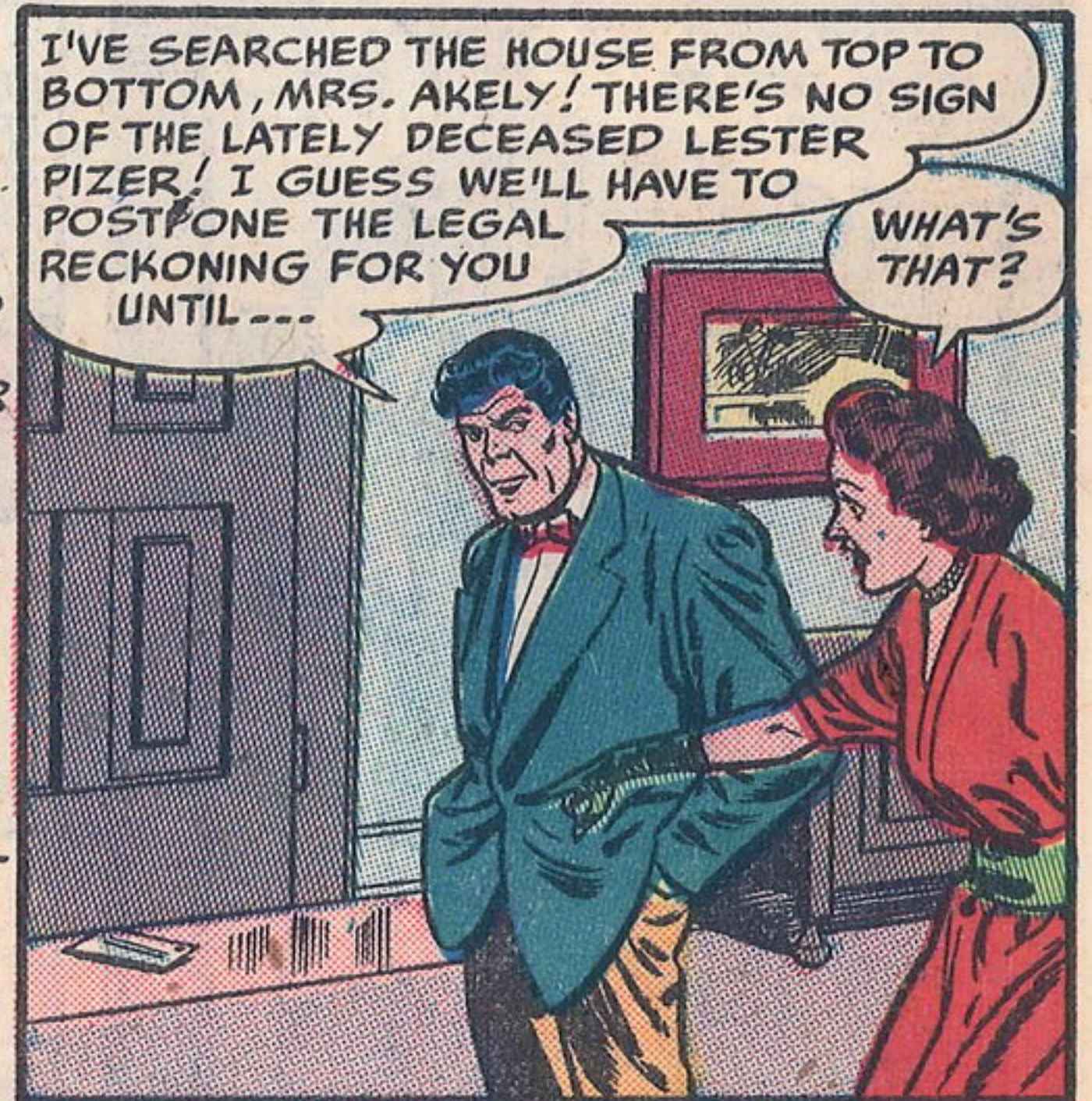


AT FIRST, ART CLYDE THOUGHT I WAS JOKING WHEN I TOLD HIM THERE'D BEEN MURDER AT THE AKELY HOUSE! MURDER WAS AN EVENT THAT JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN ON THAT RUNG OF THE SOCIAL LADDER! ART FINALLY SHOWED UP, STILL A LITTLE BIT SKEPTICAL...





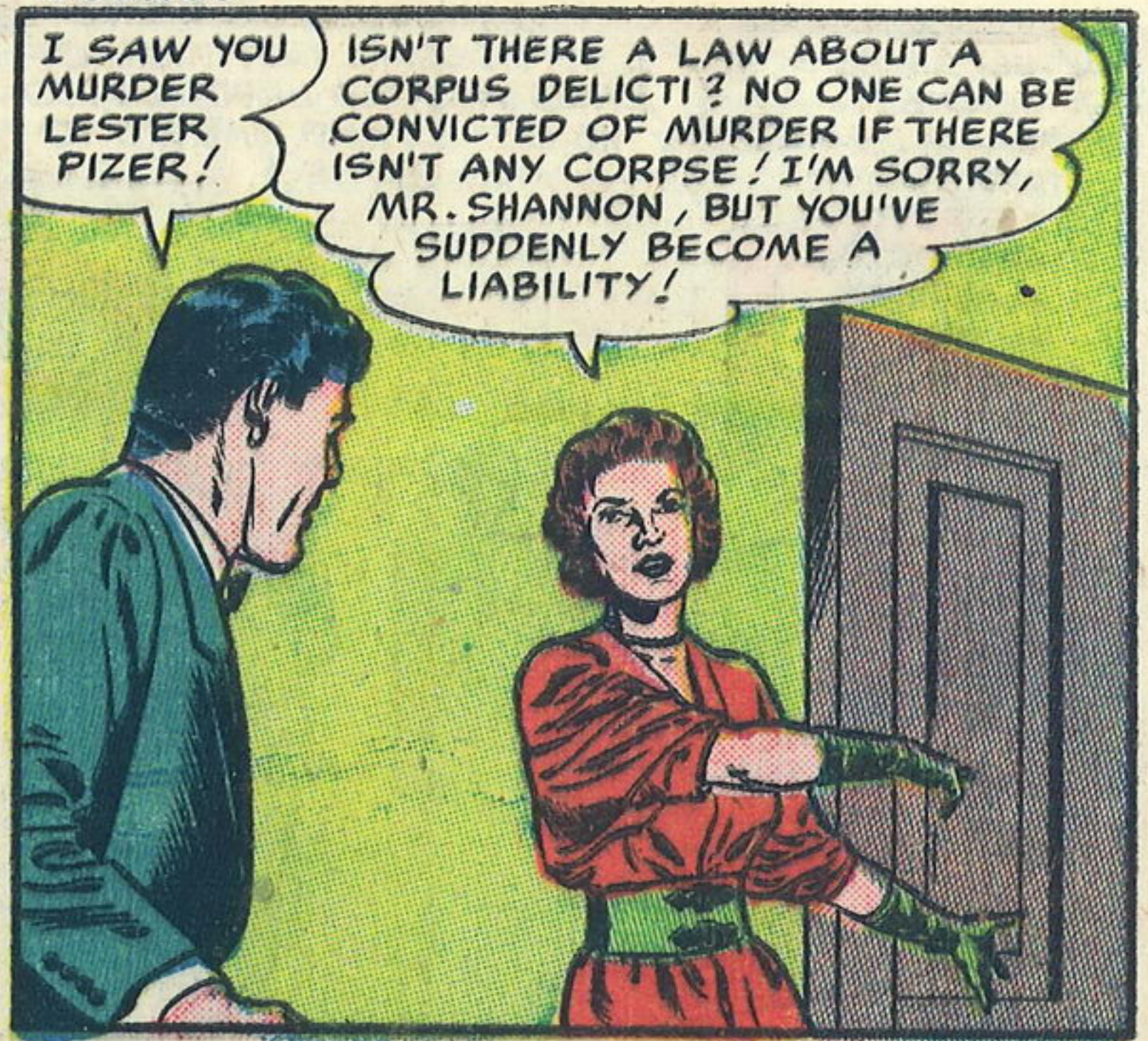
I COULDN'T BLAME ART CLYDE FOR BEING ANGRY, AND I CURSED MYSELF FOR THAT NEW YEAR'S HILARITY! BUT I ALSO KNEW THIS WASN'T ANOTHER PRACTICAL JOKE, EVEN THOUGH I COULDN'T PROVE IT!



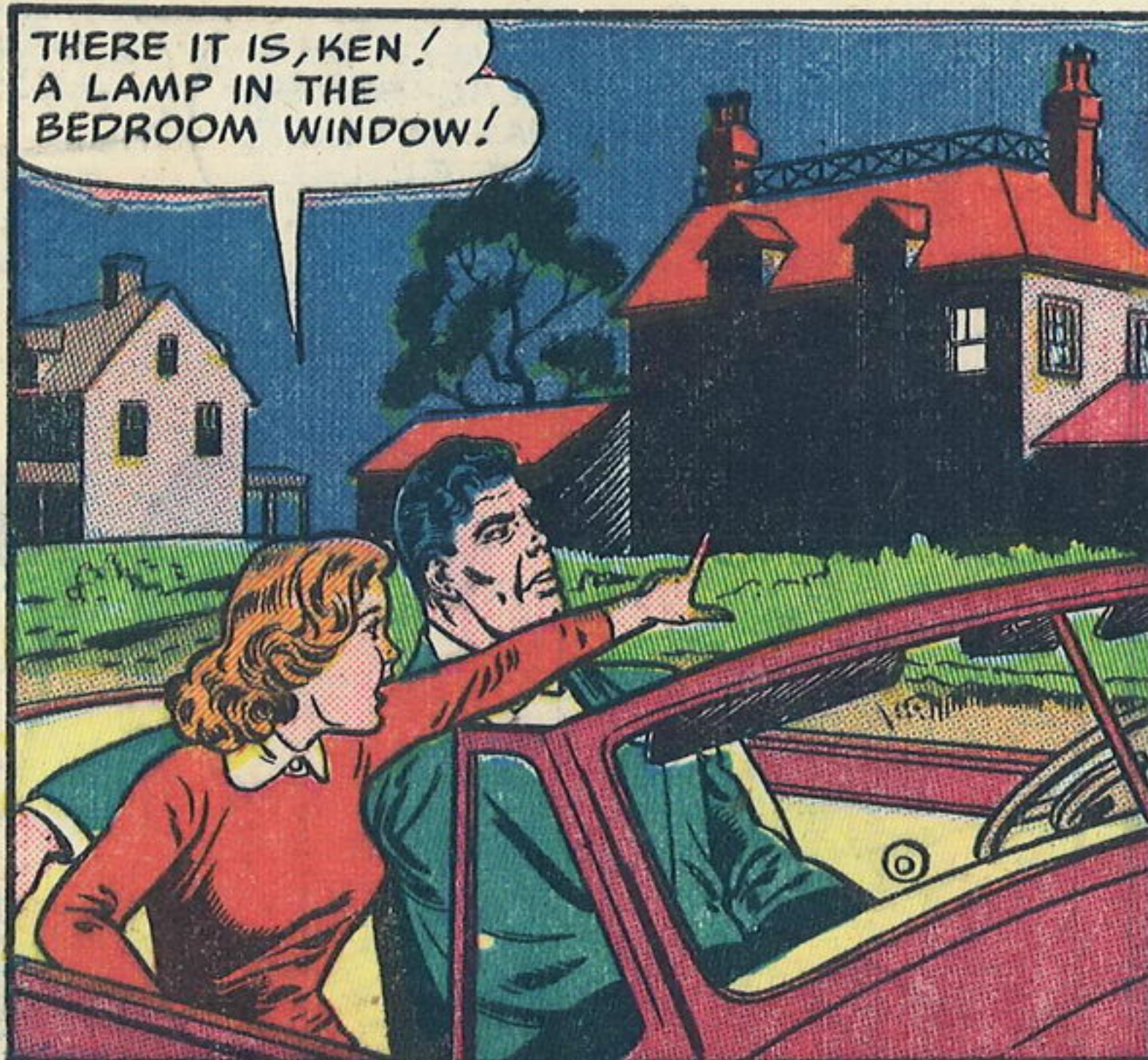
Dear Mrs. Akely-
I have the body!
I can make sure
it's disposed of
in a way that will
never involve you.
If you're willing
to make a deal,
place a lamp
in your bedroom
window tonight.



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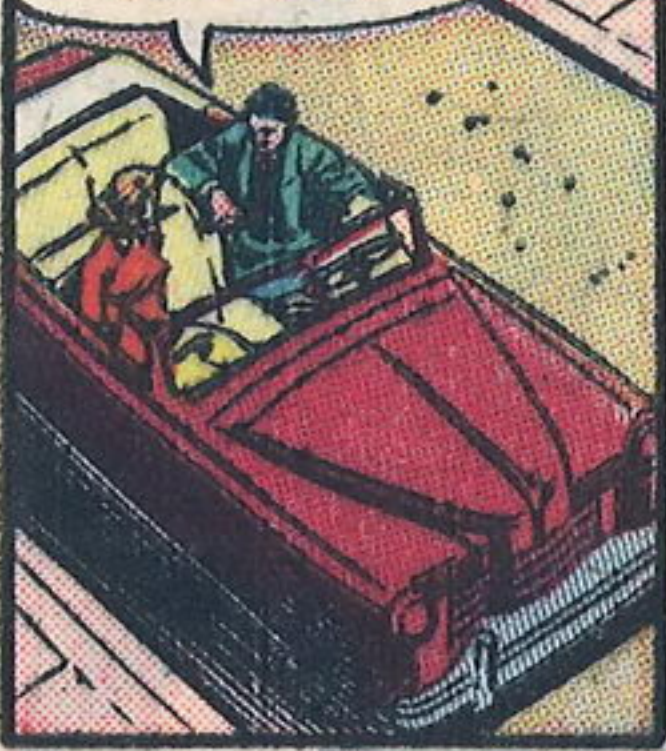


IT WAS A NEAT DILEMMA, BEYOND ANY DOUBT! I EITHER HAD TO FORGET ABOUT A MURDER, OR DOUBLE-CROSS A CLIENT! THAT NIGHT, I SAT WITH DEE DEE IN MY CAR ACROSS THE WAY FROM THE AKELY MANSION!



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YOU AND I ARE GOING TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON A CERTAIN GLORIA AKELY'S ACTIVITIES! SOONER OR LATER, HER BLACKMAILING FRIEND WILL ARRANGE A RENDEZVOUS! AND I INTEND TO BE AMONG THOSE PRESENT!



DEE DEE AND I TOOK TURNS IN SPYING ON THE AKELY MANSION! IT WAS DURING DEE DEE'S SPELL OF DUTY THAT WE GOT OUR BREAK...

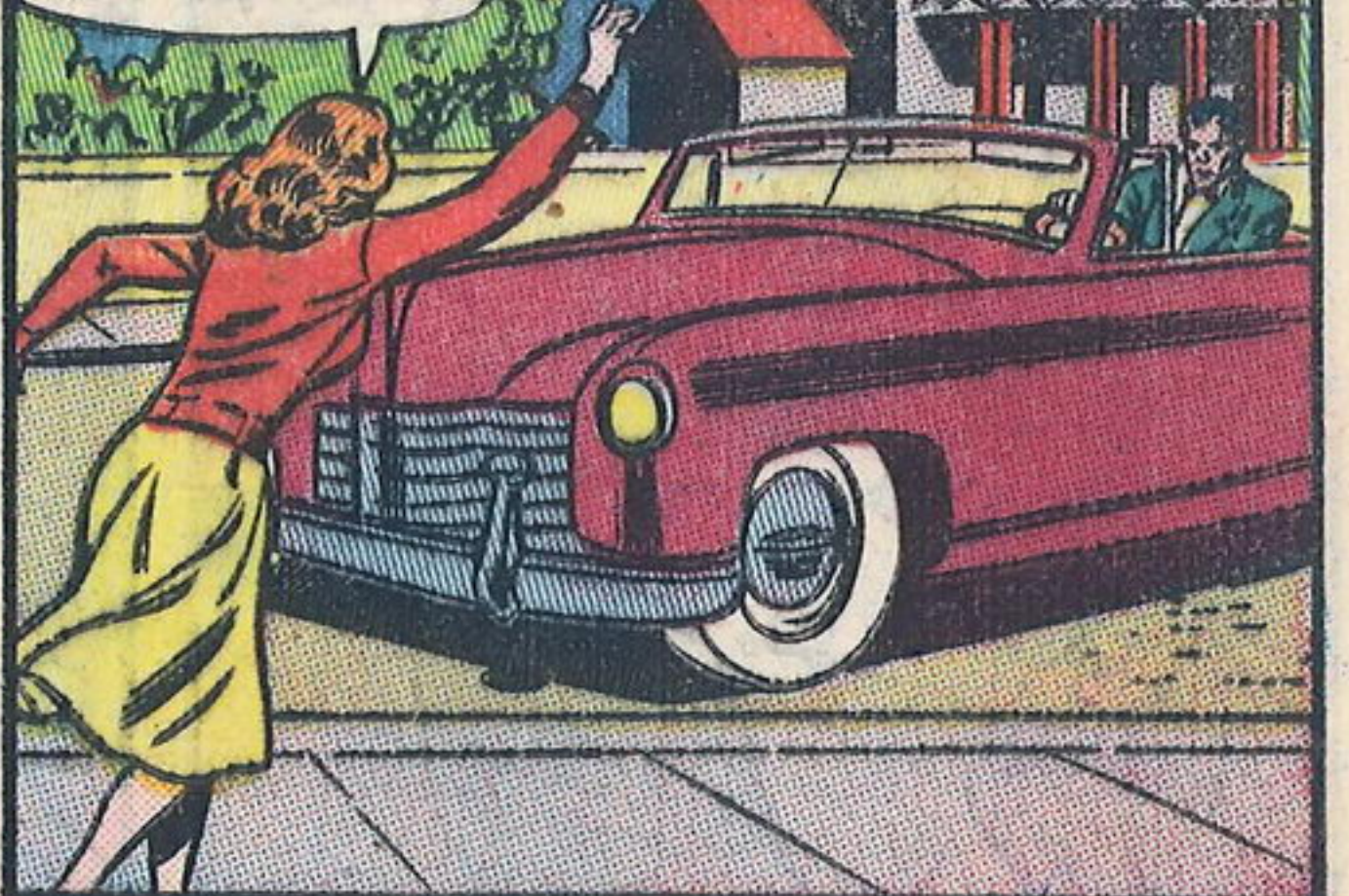
SHE TOOK OUT HER CAR... WITHOUT THE CHAUFFEUR? THAT SOUNDS LIKE IT, HONEY! I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!



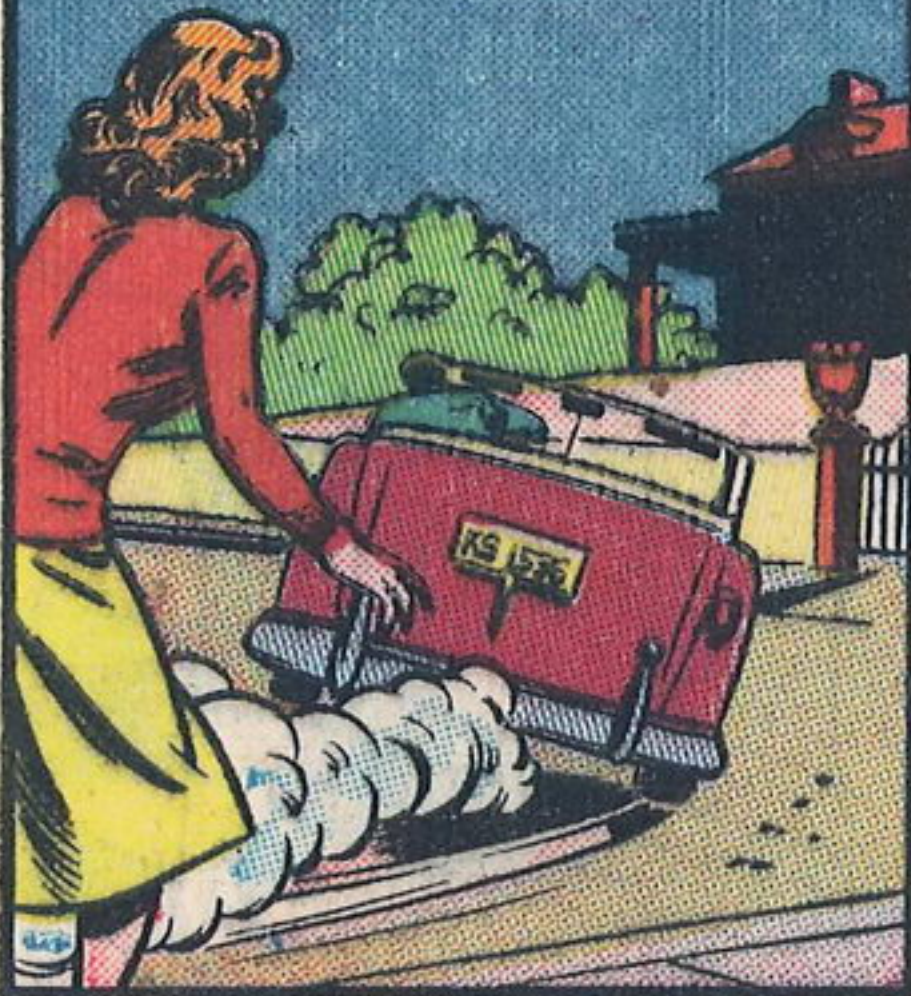
NO CAR EVER TRAVELLED THE SALT FLATS FASTER THAN I PUSHED MY JALOPY THROUGH TRAFFIC TO THE AKELY MANSION...

SHE HEADED NORTH ALONG ELMSIDE AVENUE, KEN! SHE'S DRIVING A YELLOW CONVERTIBLE!

THANKS, HONEY!



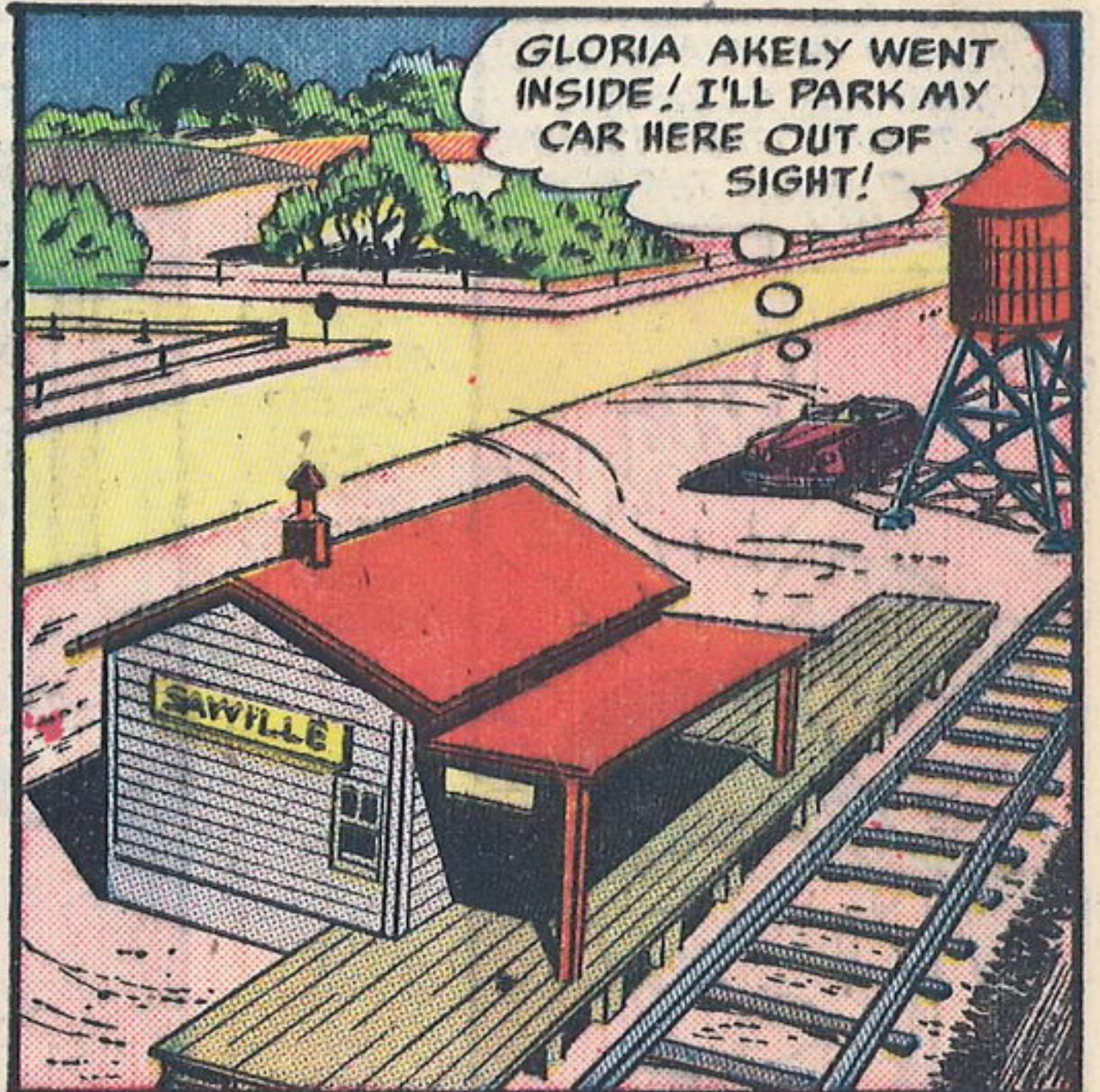
SHE'S ONLY GOT A COUPLE OF MINUTES START! WE CAN CATCH HER BEFORE... HEY!



DEE DEE'S GOING TO BE PLENTY SORE ABOUT BEING LEFT BEHIND! BUT SHE'S DONE HER PART OF THE JOB! FROM NOW ON, THINGS PROMISE TO GET ROUGH!



I PICKED UP THE YELLOW CONVERTIBLE ON THE HIGHWAY HEADING FROM TOWN, AND TAILED IT TO A WHISTLE-STOP RAILROAD STATION!



GLORIA AKELY WENT INSIDE! I'LL PARK MY CAR HERE OUT OF SIGHT!

I... I WAS TOLD I WOULD MEET SOMEONE HERE! I WAS TOLD IT WAS SOMEONE WHO WOULD KNOW... UH... WHERE THE BODY WAS BURIED!

THAT'S THE PASSWORD, MISS AKELY! DID YOU BRING THE MONEY?



YES... HERE IT IS! I RELY UPON YOU TO MAKE ALL THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS!

SORRY, GIRLS! THIS IS WHERE I TAKE OVER!



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NOW, DON'T GET NASTY! I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CAME OUT FROM BEHIND THAT WIG, GRANDMA!



SUZANNE... MY MAID!

I FIGURED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEONE WORKING IN THE HOUSE! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY PIZER'S BODY COULD HAVE BEEN SMUGGLED OUT!



THAT BRINGS US TO THE JACKPOT QUESTION! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE CORPSE?

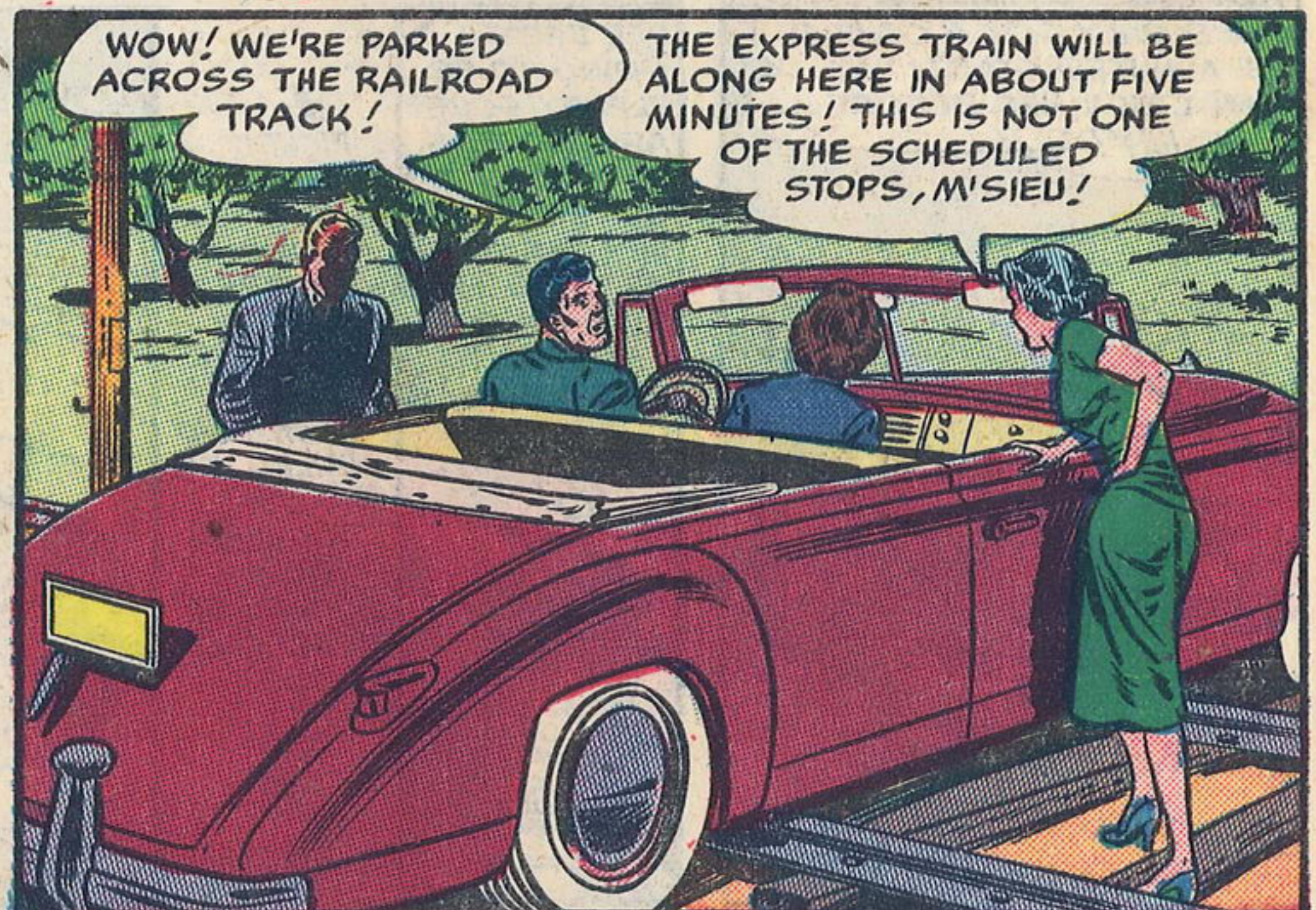
EEEE!



I HEARD GLORIA AKELY'S STRANGLERED SCREAM! AND I WAS JUST TURNING AROUND WHEN THE ROOF CAVED IN!

WHAM!

WHEN I WOKE UP, IT TOOK A MINUTE OR SO FOR OUR PREDICAMENT TO SINK IN!



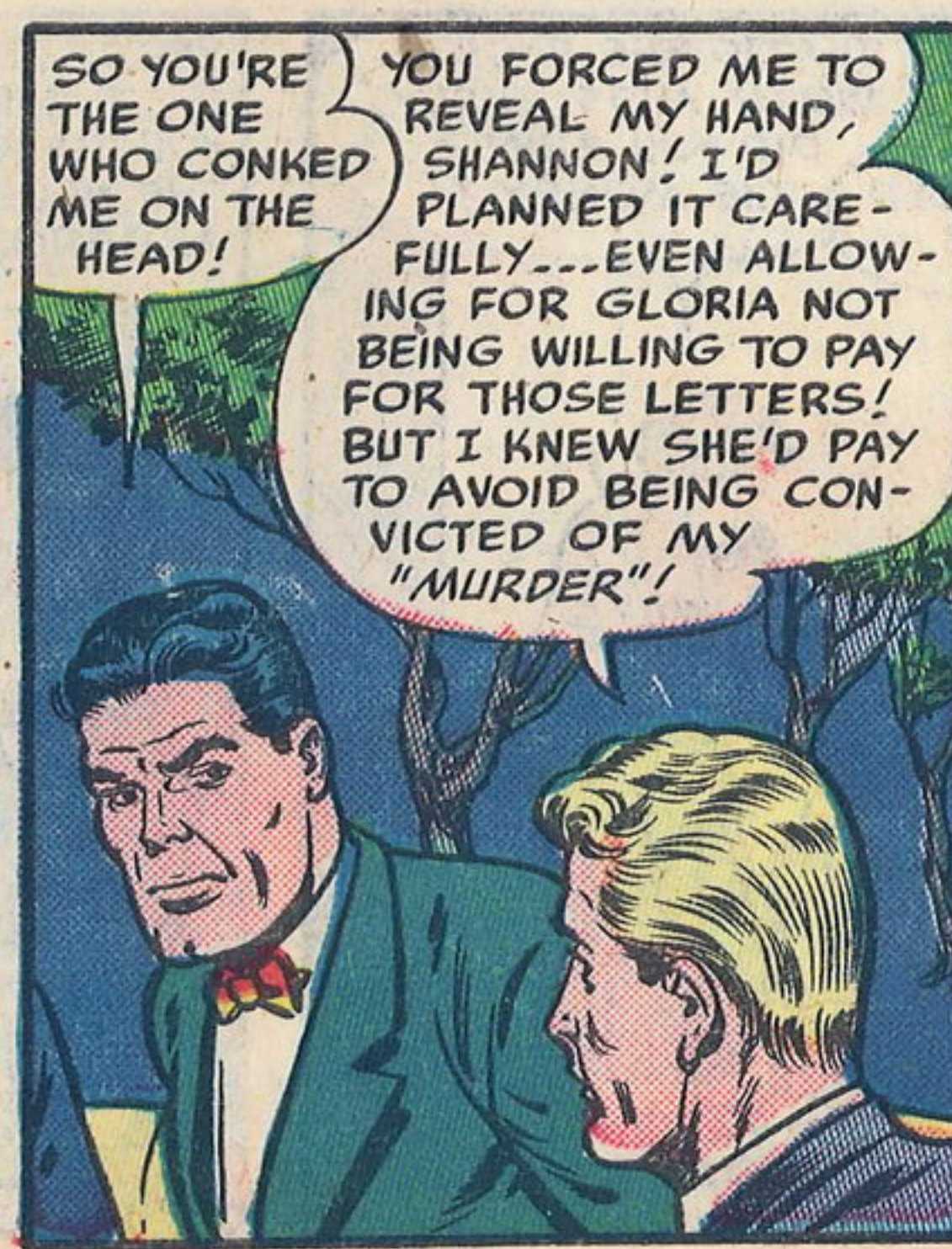
WOW! WE'RE PARKED ACROSS THE RAILROAD TRACK!

THE EXPRESS TRAIN WILL BE ALONG HERE IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES! THIS IS NOT ONE OF THE SCHEDULED STOPS, M'SIEU!



AN INTERESTING DEATH TRAP, EH? WHEN THE TRAIN PLOWS INTO THE CAR, YOU'LL BOTH BE KILLED INSTANTLY!

LESTER PIZER!



SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CONKED ME ON THE HEAD!

YOU FORCED ME TO REVEAL MY HAND, SHANNON! I'D PLANNED IT CAREFULLY...EVEN ALLOWING FOR GLORIA NOT BEING WILLING TO PAY FOR THOSE LETTERS! BUT I KNEW SHE'D PAY TO AVOID BEING CONVICTED OF MY "MURDER"!



I GOADED HER INTO SHOOTING AT ME, FIRST MAKING CERTAIN THE CARTRIDGES IN HER GUN WERE BLANKS! AS AN ASTUTE BLACKMAILER, I ALWAYS TRY TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE SCHEME FOR FLEECING MY VICTIMS! UNFORTUNATELY, YOU SPOILED BOTH OF THEM!

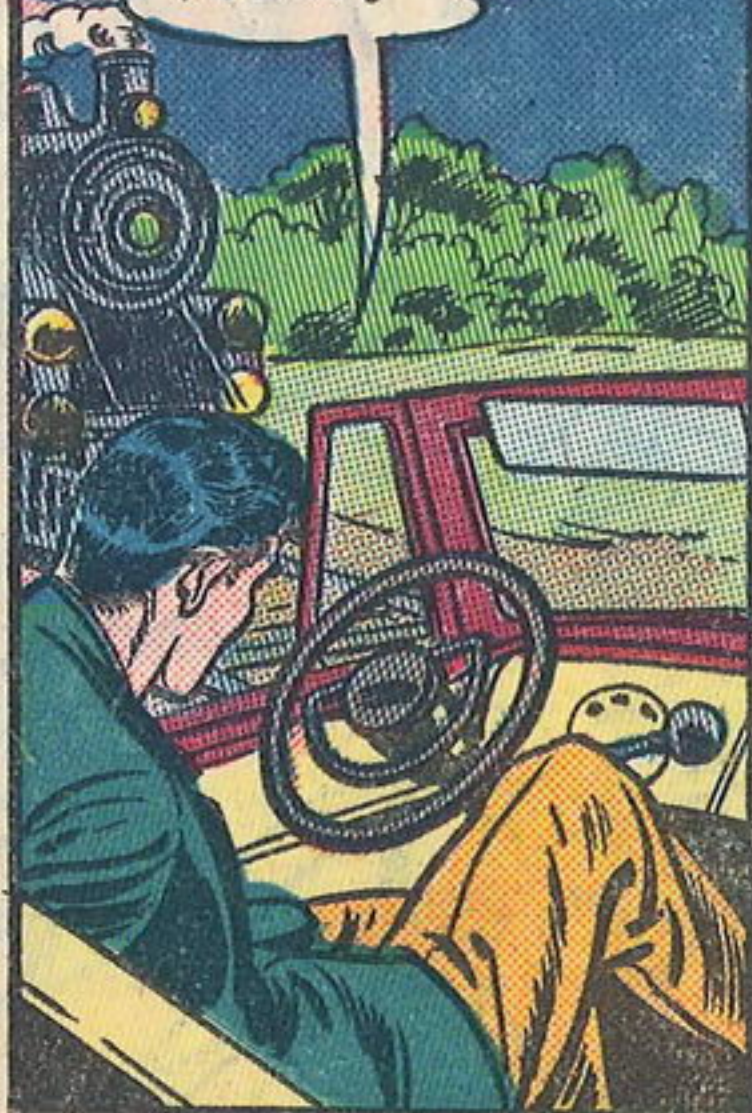
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By the time Pizer left, taking Gloria's blackmail payoff with him, I heard the hoarse cry of a train getting closer!

OHHH! WH-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? I CAN'T WORK MY HANDS LOOSE IN TIME! BUT THEY LEFT THE IGNITION ON... SO FIRE COULD DESTROY THE WRECKAGE! MAYBE THERE'S STILL A CHANCE!

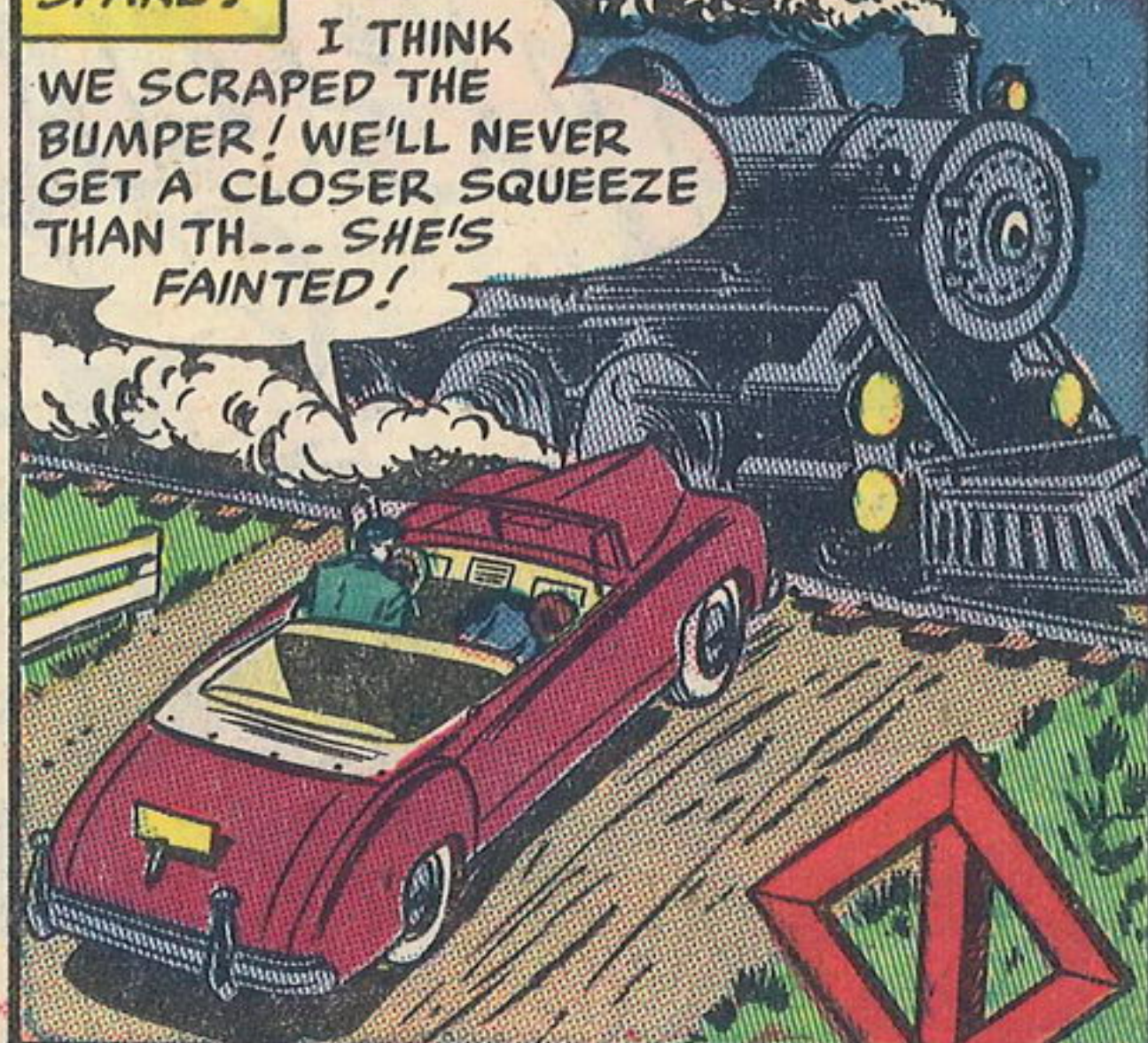


I CAN JAM THE GEAR SHIFT INTO REVERSE WITH MY KNEE! I'D BETTER TIME THIS RIGHT!

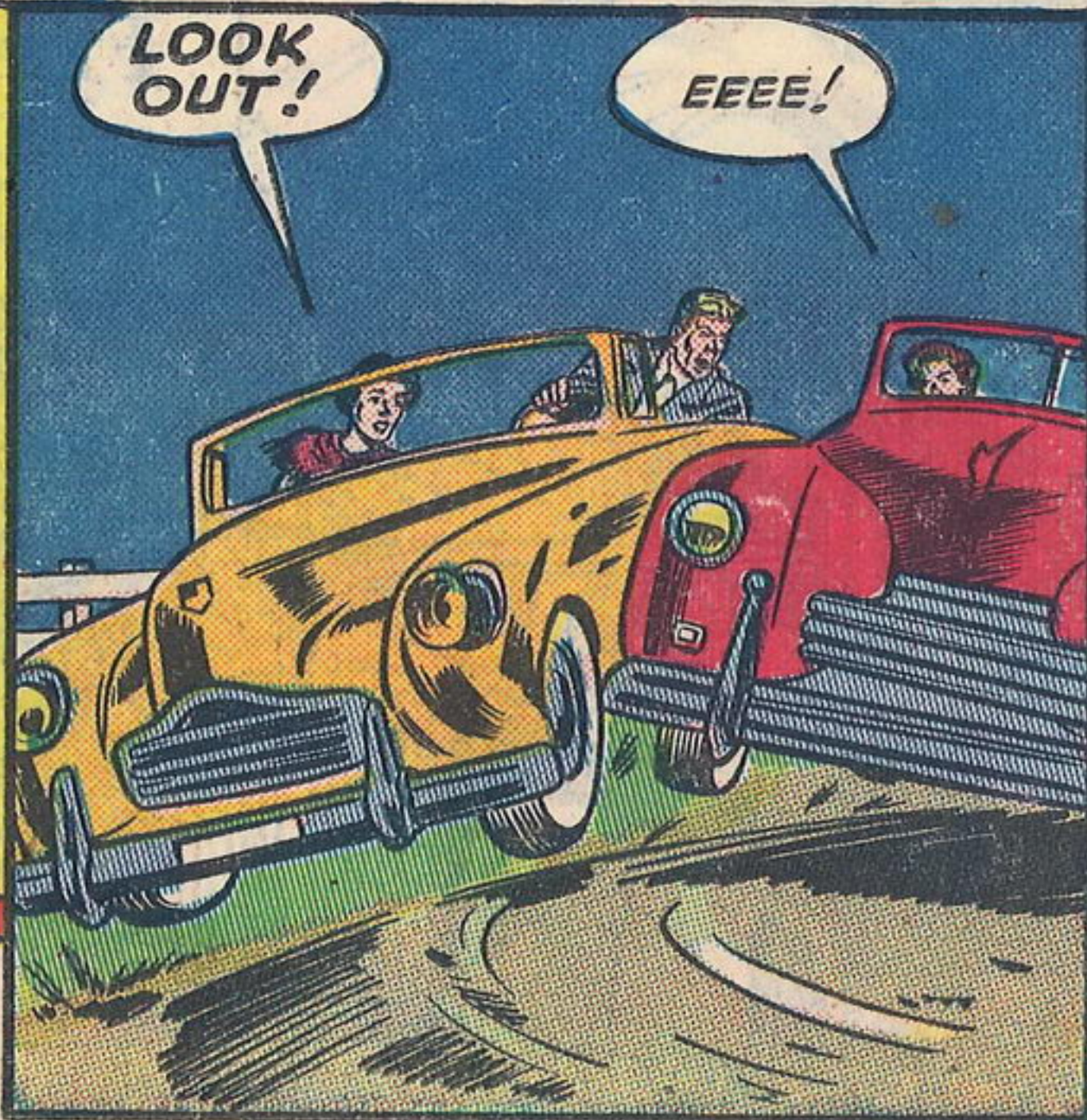


As the gears shrieked into place, I fed the gas with my free foot! We backed off the track with nothing to spare!

I THINK WE SCRAPED THE BUMPER! WE'LL NEVER GET A CLOSER SQUEEZE THAN TH... SHE'S FAINTED!



I worked my hands free, and a few minutes later, I caught up with Lester Pizer in his car! I wasn't feeling amused!



LOOK OUT!

EEEE!

BROTHER! HOW I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!

GHUHHH!



By the time I'd finished with him, even I felt a little sick to my stomach!

UGH! DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD TURN THEM OVER TO THE POLICE NOW, MR. SHANNON! YOU'VE DONE A VERY...ER... THOROUGH JOB!

OKAY, I WON'T WASTE ANY MORE KNUCKLE ON HIM!



SOME TIME LATER, DEE DEE AND I WERE AT THE DOCK TO WATCH HENRY AKELY AND HIS WIFE, GLORIA, DEPART ON AN IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO EUROPE!

HAS HE FORGIVEN HER FOR THOSE LETTERS, KEN?

HE KNEW ABOUT THEM ALL THE TIME, DEE DEE!



LESTER PIZER TRIED TO BLACKMAIL HIM FIRST! BUT HENRY TOSSED HIM OUT ON HIS EAR! SAID HE KNEW ALL ABOUT HIS WIFE'S PAST, AND TRUSTED HER COMPLETELY!

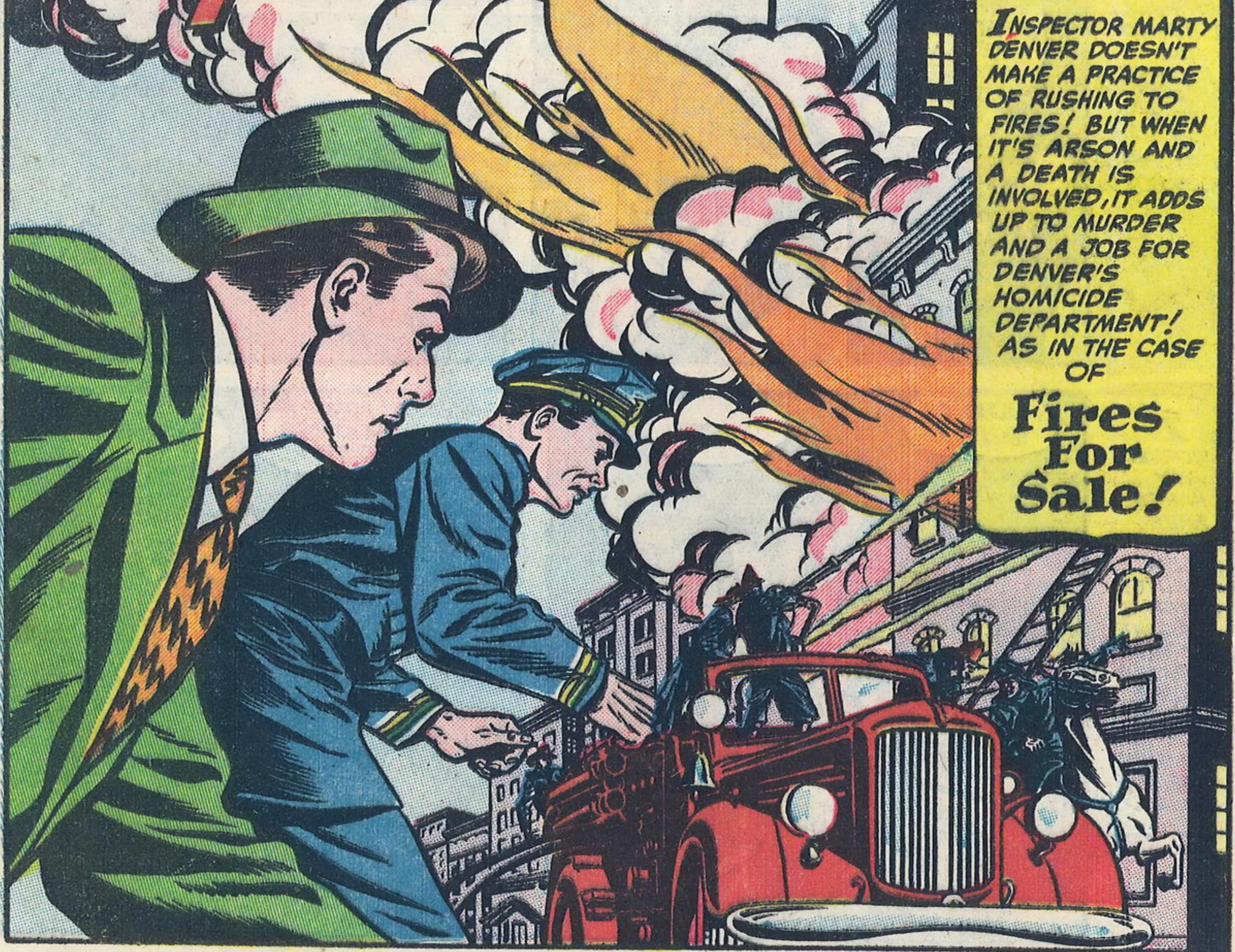
HENRY AKELY'S NOT THE SORT WHO'D DRIVE OFF AND LEAVE A LADY STANDING AT THE CURB! IF YOU EVER PULL A TRICK LIKE THAT AGAIN, KEN SHANNON, I'LL PUSH YOU IN FRONT OF A TRAIN MYSELF!



Inspector DENVER

INSPECTOR MARTY DENVER DOESN'T MAKE A PRACTICE OF RUSHING TO FIRES! BUT WHEN IT'S ARSON AND A DEATH IS INVOLVED, IT ADDS UP TO MURDER AND A JOB FOR DENVER'S HOMICIDE DEPARTMENT! AS IN THE CASE OF

Fires For Sale!



SOME PEOPLE HAVE STRANGE WAYS OF MAKING A DISHONEST LIVING! BIX GARBER WAS ONE OF THOSE!

HERE'S THE FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS! YOU'RE SURE I'LL BE IN THE CLEAR ON THIS?

THERE'S NOT A THING TO WORRY ABOUT, SEEVENS? I'LL SEE TO EVERYTHING! THAT'S MY BUSINESS!



HAVE A PARTY AT YOUR HOUSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SO YOU'LL HAVE WITNESSES THAT YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR! THEN DON'T SEE ME AGAIN!

I'LL DO AS YOU SAY! AND THANKS, GARBER! DO A GOOD JOB!



AND SO, ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT---

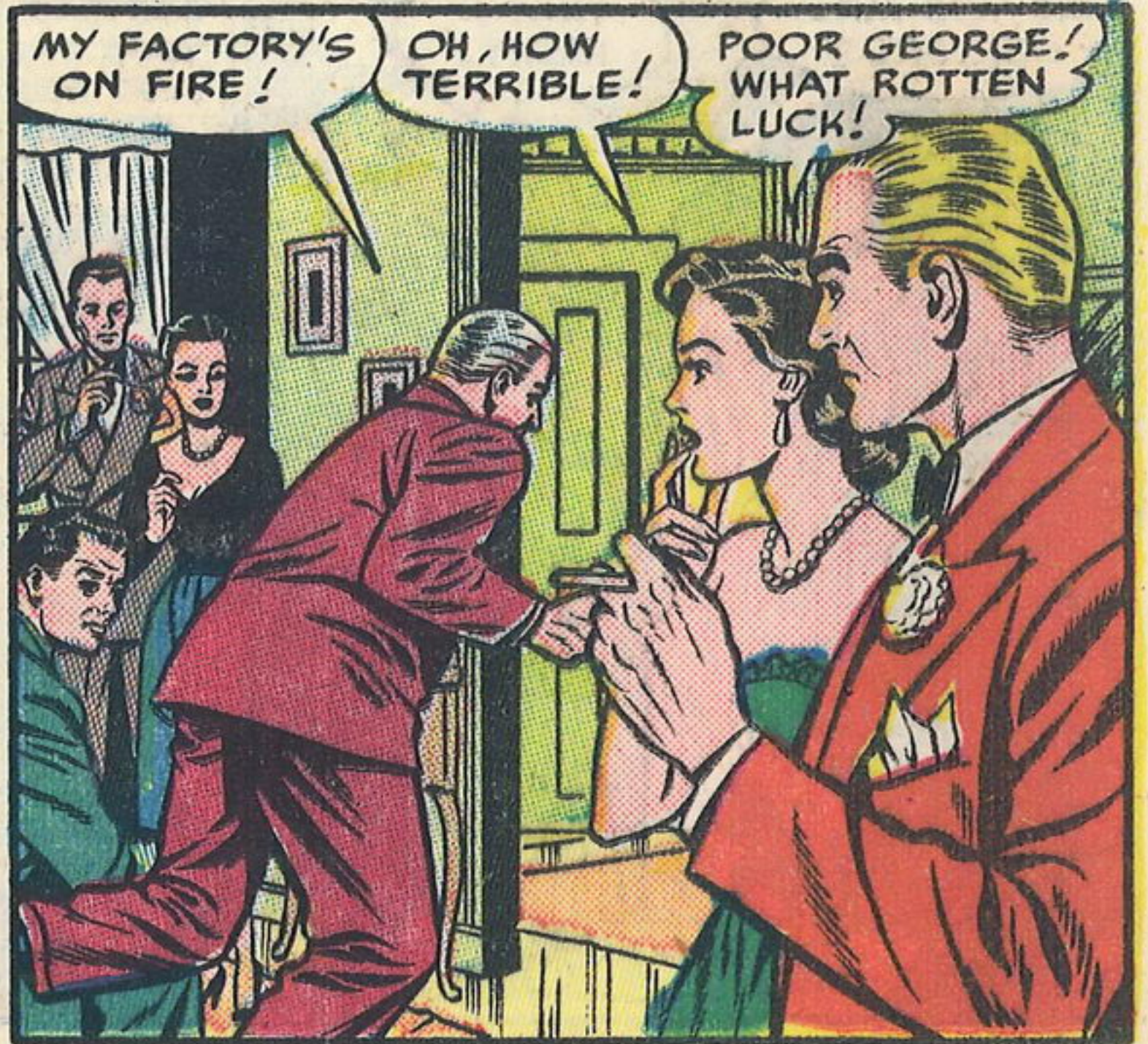
YES, THIS IS GEORGE SEEVERS! WHAT'S THAT? GOOD HEAVENS! I'LL BE THERE RIGHT AWAY!



MY FACTORY'S ON FIRE!

OH, HOW TERRIBLE!

POOR GEORGE! WHAT ROTTEN LUCK!



AND IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY---

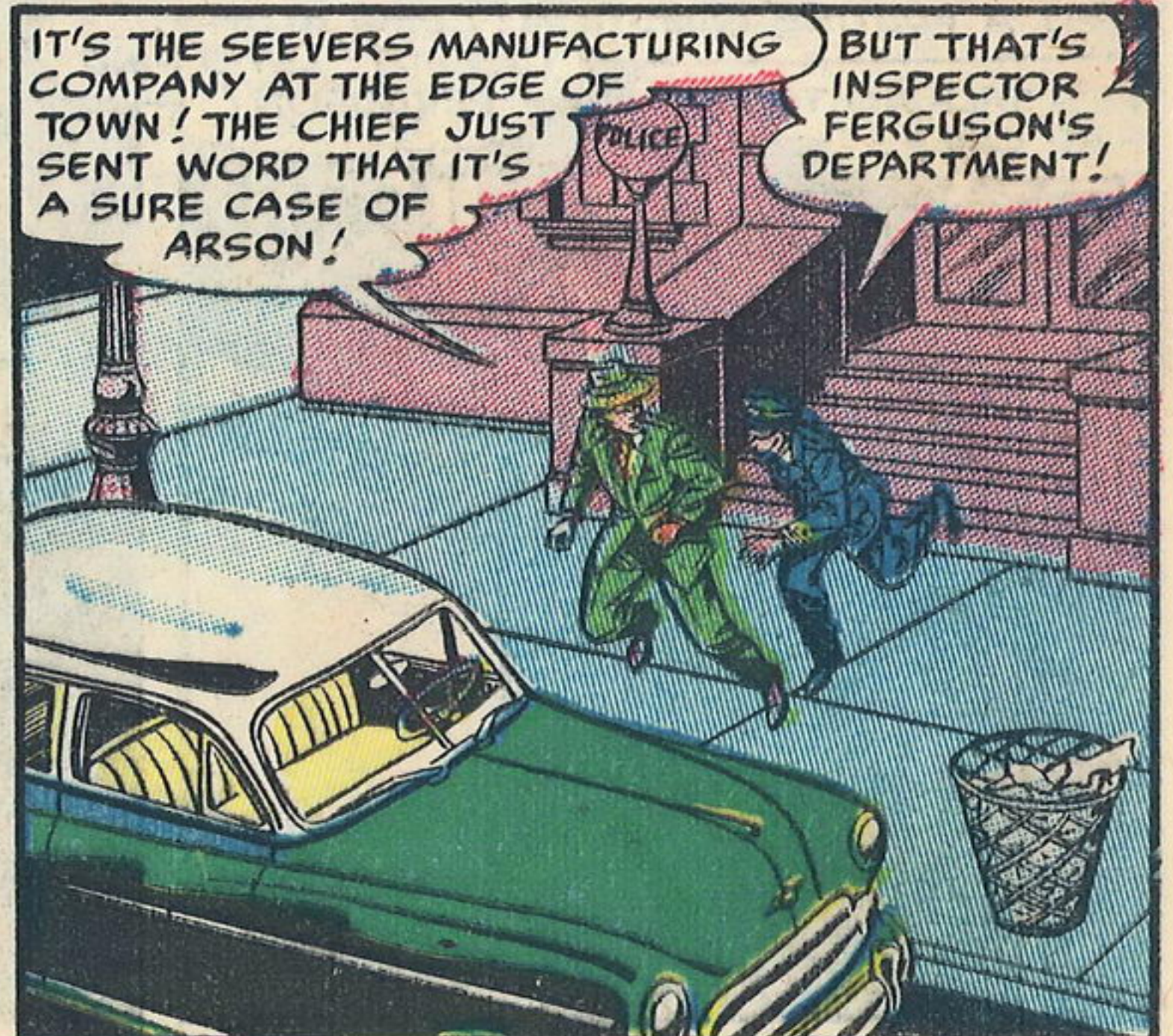
HEY, MARTY! WHAT'S THE RUSH? YOU ACT AS IF YOU'RE GOING TO A FIRE!

YOU HIT THE NAIL RIGHT ON THE HEAD, CASSIDY! LET'S GET GOING!



IT'S THE SEEVERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY AT THE EDGE OF TOWN! THE CHIEF JUST SENT WORD THAT IT'S A SURE CASE OF ARSON!

BUT THAT'S INSPECTOR FERGUSON'S DEPARTMENT!



IT'S MINE, TOO, BECAUSE A MAN'S BEEN BURNED TO DEATH! THE JANITOR WAS TRAPPED INSIDE THE BUILDING AND DIED BEFORE THEY COULD GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!

HOLY MACKEREL!



SO WHOEVER STARTED THAT FIRE IS ALSO GUILTY OF MURDER!

AND IT'S UP TO US TO FIND HIM AND SEE THAT HE GETS WHAT'S COMING TO HIM!



IT MAY NOT BE TOO HARD! MORE THAN ONE PERSON HAS BURNED HIS BUSINESS TO COLLECT HIS INSURANCE! WE'LL QUESTION SEEVERS FIRST!



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ARE YOU MR. SEEVERS?

THAT'S RIGHT!

TOO BAD ABOUT YOUR FACTORY! AND WORSE ABOUT THE JANITOR!

YES, I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT! I... I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW I FEEL!

MR. SEEVERS, WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE FIRE STARTED?

AT HOME, GIVING A DINNER PARTY! I HAD TEN GUESTS! SURELY YOU DON'T THINK---

JUST A ROUTINE QUESTION! COME ALONG, CASSIDY! LET'S FIND FERGUSON!

HE'S TALKING TO THE FIRE CHIEF!

WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND OUT?

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT SOMEONE SET THE BUILDING ON FIRE! WE HAVE PLENTY OF EVIDENCE---HEAVILY CHARRED SPOT, THE PATH OF THE FUSE, AND SO ON!

BUT SEEVERS SEEMS TO BE IN THE CLEAR!

YEAH! EITHER SOMEBODY DID THE JOB FOR HIM OR THERE'S A FIREBUG ON THE LOOSE! AND THEY'RE HARD TO CATCH!

TWO DAYS LATER...

STILL NOTHING ON THE SEEVERS CASE, HUH, MARTY?

NOT EVEN A FOOTPRINT! CASES LIKE THIS CAN DRIVE A MAN CRAZY!

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THERE'S NOT A WITNESS AND NOT A CLUE! I'D BET MY BOTTOM DOLLAR SEEVERS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT, THOUGH!

ME, TOO, SINCE WE FOUND OUT HE'D JUST TAKEN OUT A BIG INSURANCE POLICY! AND THAT HE WAS ALSO ABOUT TO GO BROKE!

IF HE'S IN ON IT, HE'S AN ACCESSORY TO THE CRIME OF KILLING THE JANITOR! BET SEEVERS IS SHAKING IN HIS BOOTS!

CASSIDY, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! DRIVE ME TO HIS HOUSE RIGHT AWAY!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

MR. SEEVERS, I JUST STOPPED BY TO TELL YOU THE GOOD NEWS! WE'RE PRETTY SURE WE'RE ON THE TRAIL OF THE MAN WHO CAUSED YOUR FIRE!

YOU... YOU ARE?

THE POLICE WILL PROBABLY CLOSE IN TONIGHT! HE AND ANYBODY WHO WAS AN ACCOMPLICE WILL BE CHARGED WITH ARSON AND MURDER!

MURDER? YES, I... I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT! H-HOW WILL YOU FIND THE ONES INVOLVED?

HE'LL TALK! THEY ALWAYS SQUEAL WHEN WE PUT THE PRESSURE ON THEM! I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED, MR. SEEVERS!

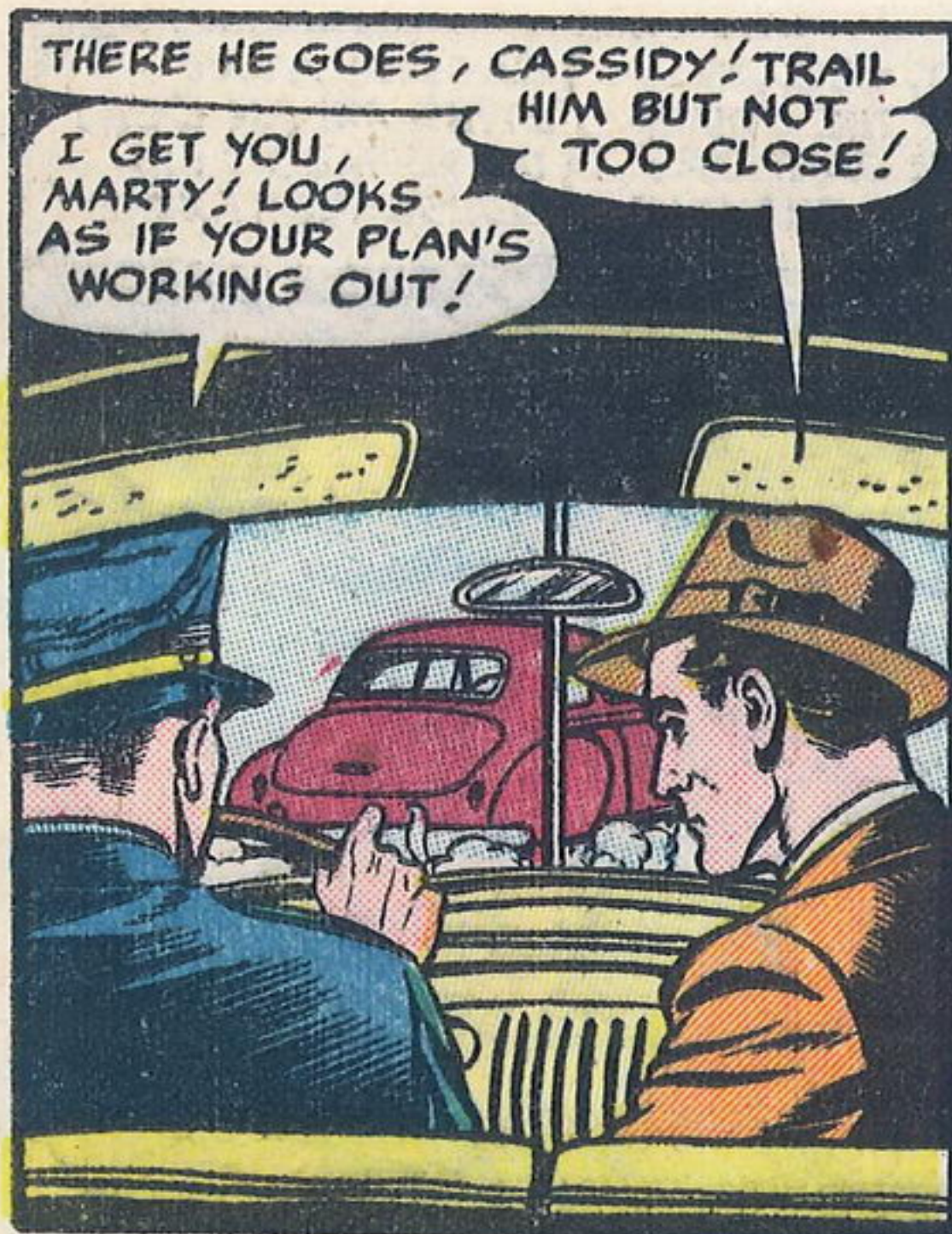
P-PLEASE DO!

SEEVERS SURE TURNED PALE, MARTY! HE'S IN THIS, ALL RIGHT! ONLY WHAT'S YOUR GAME?

EVER HEAR THE SAYING, "SEND A CROOK TO CATCH A CROOK?" I WANT TO SEE IF IT WILL WORK!

PULL THE CAR AROUND THE CORNER WHERE WE WON'T BE SEEN! IF WE WAIT AND WATCH, I HAVE A HUNCH WE'LL SOON HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CLOSE THIS CASE!

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THERE HE GOES, CASSIDY! TRAIL HIM BUT NOT TOO CLOSE!

I GET YOU, MARTY! LOOKS AS IF YOUR PLAN'S WORKING OUT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

HE GOT OFF THE ELEVATOR ON THIS FLOOR! AND THAT SOUNDS LIKE HIS VOICE!

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY YOU CAME HERE!

BE - CAUSE THEY KNOW YOU DID IT! THE COPS ARE COMING TO GET YOU TO-NIGHT!



THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD PIN THE RAP ON ME!

BUT THEY WILL! AND ME, TOO, AS AN ACCOMPLICE! YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! THEY MUSTN'T KNOW I HIRED YOU! THEY---



THANKS FOR THE CONFESSION, SEEVERS! YOU TWO ARE UNDER ARREST!

NOT SO FAST, COPPER! I'VE GOT AN ITCHY TRIGGER FINGER!



BANG!

I HAVE ITCHY FEET, MYSELF!



GOOD WORK, CASSIDY! CALL HEADQUARTERS AND TELL THEM TO SEND THE WAGON!

YOU NO-BRAINED IDIOT! WE'D BE IN THE CLEAR IF YOU HADN'T COME HERE!



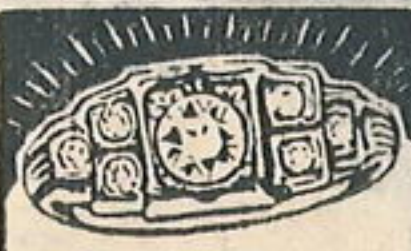
THAT'S TRUE! I USED TRICKERY BUT IT WORKED!

ONE THING I KNOW! NO CROOK YET HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO OUTSMART INSPECTOR MARTY DENVER!

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170. Ladies' wedding ring. 6 brilliant, good-sized, matching simulated diamonds. 1/30 12Kt RGP.



127. Men's ring. Beautiful, large, about 4Kt-size ruby color stone. Stone comes in all colors. Sterling Silver.



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163. Men's massive red stone ring. 1/20 12Kt yellow gold filled or 1/30 14Kt RGP.



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164. Men's massive veteran's discharge ring. Heavy Sterling Silver.



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160. Men's large square cut, simulated garnet ring. Yellow or white gold color effect.



109. Men's signet ring with sparkling, simulated diamond. Heavy yellow gold color effect mounting.



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152. Sweetheart ring. 2 simulated rubies on entwined hearts. Yellow gold color effect.



106. Men's solitaire ring. Large, brilliant 2Kt-size simulated diamond. Fine heavy mounting.



158. Men's Indian head ring. White gold color effect. Also in boys' sizes.



118. Ladies' friendship and modern style wedding ring. 1/20 14Kt yellow gold filled or 12Kt gold plate. Also heavy Sterling Silver.



147. Massive compass ring. A handsome, well-made ring. In heavy white gold color effect.



126. Men's extra large Egyptian head ring, with snake on each side. 2 sparkling, simulated diamonds or red stones. Sterling Silver.



167. Ladies' exquisite cluster dinner ring. 3 large, simulated diamonds and many smaller stones. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect.



168. Ladies' exquisite engagement ring. 2 large, brilliant, simulated diamonds, 6 smaller stones. Sterling Silver or 1/30 14Kt gold.



159. Ladies' or men's locket ring. Holds 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 picture. Yellow or white gold color effect.



149. Ladies' dinner ring. Unusual design. Large, brilliant, simulated diamond, about 10 smaller stones. White gold color effect or Sterling Silver. Ring also comes in oval shape design.



161. Ladies' dinner ring. Gorgeous peacock design. 15 sparkling simulated rubies, sapphires, emeralds. White or yellow gold color effect.



129. Men's solitaire ring. Brilliant, simulated 1Kt or 2Kt-size diamond. Sterling Silver.



101. Beautiful baby ring. Solid 10Kt solid yellow gold mounting.



121. Men's heavy Sterling Silver signet ring, suitable for engraving initials.



154. Ladies' birthstone ring. Gorgeous, square cut, 4Kt-size, simulated emerald. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect. Stone comes in all colors.



181. Men's ring. Simulated ruby in center, 2 simulated diamonds. Yellow gold color effect. Also with 8 white stones.



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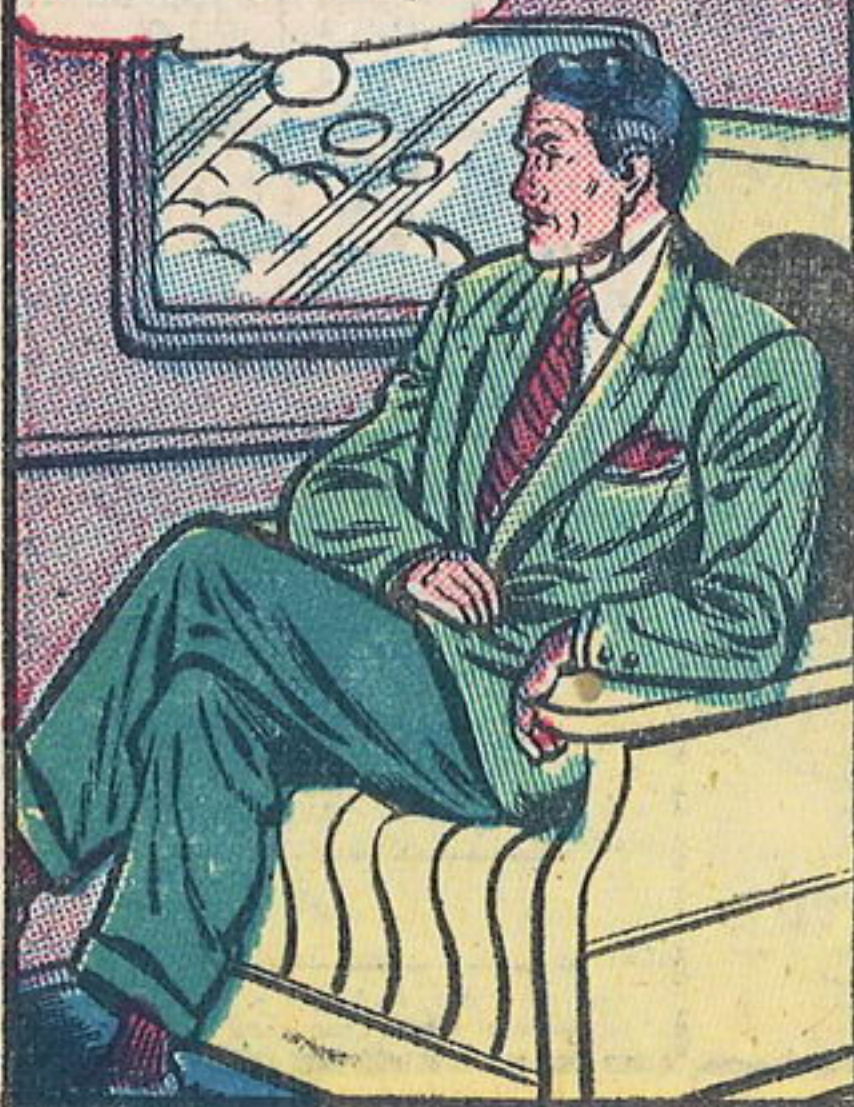
IN THE GEOGRAPHY BOOKS, THEY SHOW YOU A PICTURE OF THE TAJ MAHAL OR A SNAKE CHARMER AND LET IT GO AT THAT! BUT I GOT AN INSIDE VIEW OF INDIA FROM THE TOP OF A PARSI BURIAL TOWER! AND IF YOU THINK VULTURES LOOK VICIOUS, YOU OUGHT TO MEET THE CHARACTERS WHO PLUNGED ME NECK-DEEP INTO A WORLD-SHAKING

International Frameup!



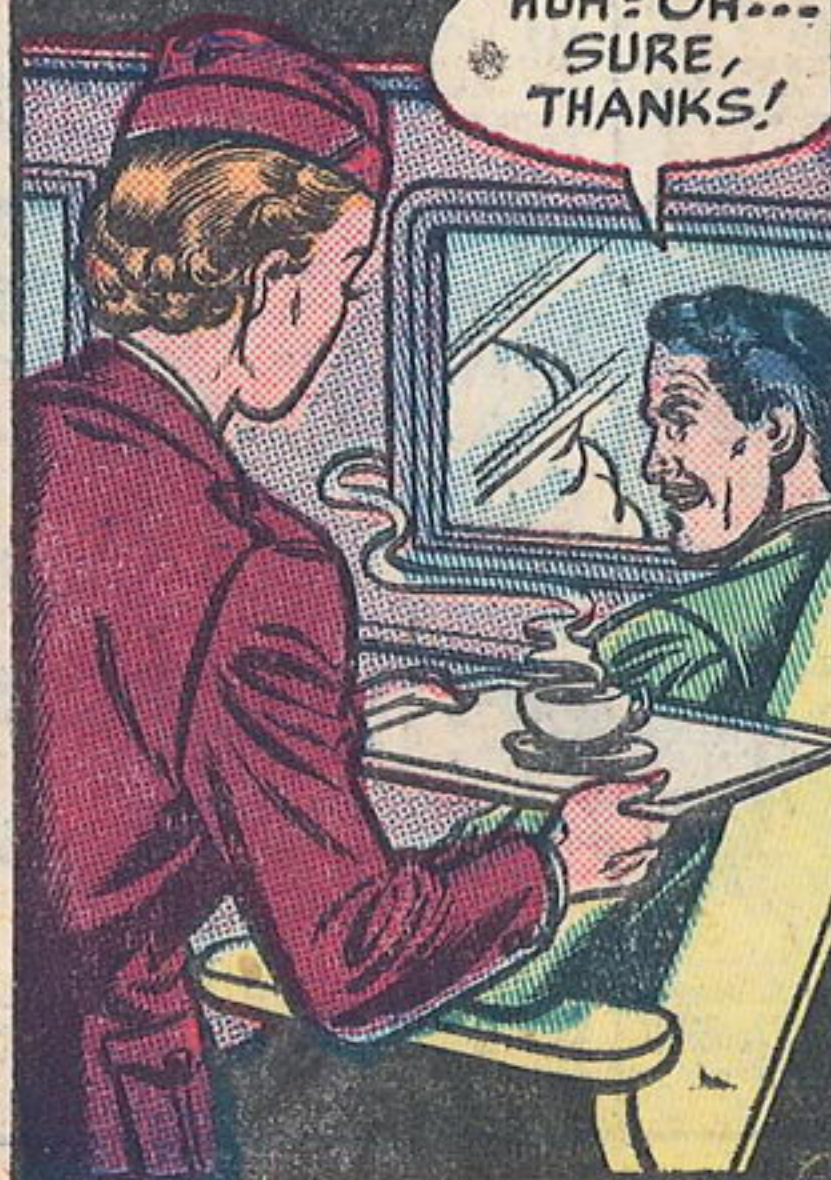
I HAD SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO ON MY FLIGHT FROM CALCUTTA BACK TO THE STATES! MY FRIEND, JIMMIE LADRAS, WAS GOING TO MEET ME AT THE AIRPORT DURING THE TWO-HOUR STOPOVER AT KARACHI!

IT'LL BE GREAT TO CHIN WITH JIMMIE AGAIN! IF I WAS TO PICK THE SHARPEST T-CHIEF IN FOREIGN SERVICE, HE'D BE MY MAN!



COFFEE, MR. TRASK? I FIGURE YOU NEED SOME!

HUH? OH... SURE, THANKS!



ANYTIME YOU DON'T NOTICE A GORGEOUS REDHEAD LIKE THE ONE WE TOOK ON IN NEW DELHI, THEN I KNOW YOU NEED COFFEE!

WHEW! YOU MEAN I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE DOZING AND THAT HAS BEEN ON THE PLANE!



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WELL, LET'S MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME! WATCH THIS TECHNIQUE, HONEY!

TOO LATE, CASANOVA! WE'RE PULLING IN FOR THE KARACHI LANDING! FASTEN YOUR SAFETY-BELTS, PLEASE!

I MADE A MENTAL NOTE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REDHEAD AFTER THE STOPOVER! MEANWHILE, I LOOKED FOR JIMMIE AT THE AIRPORT!



THAT'S ODD! JIMMIE SAID HE'D BE HERE TO GREET ME WITH A BRASS BAND!

EXCUSE ME! YOU ARE PERHAPS MR. TRASK?



MR. LADRAS BEGGED ME TO GIVE YOU HIS REGRETS! HE IS VACATIONING AT HYDERABAD, BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A MOST URGENT ASSIGNMENT!

JIMMIE'S NOT HERE? I DON'T GET IT!



HE PHONED ME IN CALCUTTA TWO DAYS AGO AND MADE THE APPOINTMENT! DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A VACATION!

HIS DOCTOR INSISTED! ILL HEALTH, YOU KNOW! INCIDENTALLY, I AM RAY DASTUR, HIS ASSISTANT IN THE LOCAL OFFICE!

SO THERE I WAS... TWO HOURS LOST WITH THE REDHEAD, NO GAB-FAST WITH JIMMIE, AND THE PROSPECT OF AN ASSIGNMENT I HADN'T BARGAINED FOR!



KASHMIR IS SEETHING WITH DISSENSION SINCE LIQUAT ALI KHAN'S ASSASSINATION, MR. TRASK! WE HAVE REASON TO SUSPECT THAT THE MAHARAJAH OF TIBRASTAN IS FOMENTING THE RIOTS!

SO WHAT'S THAT TO A GUY WHO'S LONG OVERDUE FOR A VACATION IN THE STATES?



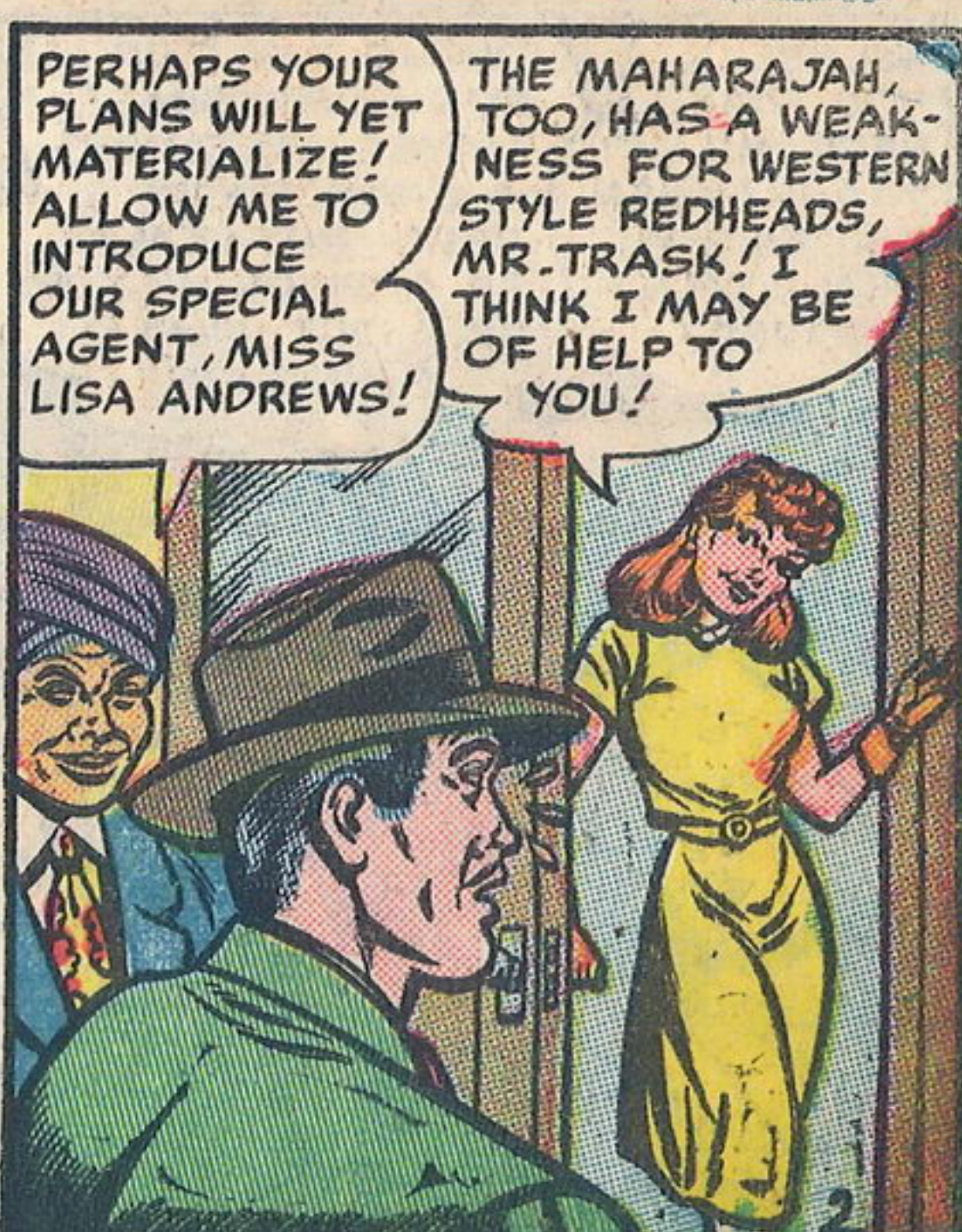
WE SUSPECT THE MAHARAJAH HAS BEEN COLLABORATING WITH RED AGENTS! THE INDIA-PAKISTAN CONFERENCE AT KASHMIR BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

AND YOU FIGURE THE TIBRASTAN TIGER WILL TRY TO THROW A MONKEY-WRENCH INTO THE WORKS?



A HUGE ONE, MR. TRASK! IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG AT THE CONFERENCE, IT MAY BLAST OPEN THE POWDER KEG OF AN ALL-OUT WAR!

AND YOU SAY JIMMIE WANTED ME THERE TO KEEP THE PINKO FINGERS OUT OF THE PIE, EH? THERE GO MY PLANS WITH A CERTAIN RED-HEAD!



PERHAPS YOUR PLANS WILL YET MATERIALIZE! ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE OUR SPECIAL AGENT, MISS LISA ANDREWS!

THE MAHARAJAH, TOO, HAS A WEAKNESS FOR WESTERN STYLE REDHEADS, MR. TRASK! I THINK I MAY BE OF HELP TO YOU!

MEETING THE MAHARAJAH WAS OUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT, AND FOR LISA THAT WAS EASY! AT THE EMBASSY CLUB THAT NIGHT!

THE OLD GOAT'S STARTED MAKING GOO-GOO EYES AT ME, BUT HIS DAUGHTER'S CRAMPING HIS STYLE!

MAYBE HE'D APPRECIATE IT IF I WALTZED HER OUT OF THE PLACE!



HER NAME'S MIRVANI! KEEP HER OCCUPIED AND I'LL HAVE THE MAHARAJAH JUMPING THROUGH A HOOP BEFORE MIDNIGHT!

AND DON'T FORGET, BABY... I'M AN AMERICAN HARDWARE MERCHANT ON VACATION! IF MIRVANI AND HER OLD MAN ARE PLAYING PATTY-CAKE WITH THE REDS, A T-MAN WON'T BE THEIR IDEA OF PLEASANT COMPANY!



AND SOON...

I FIND IT CLOSE IN HERE! I DO NOT SUPPOSE MY FATHER WOULD OBJECT IF WE STEPPED OUT FOR SOME AIR!

RIGHT NOW I DON'T THINK HE'D NOTICE IF THE ROOF CAVED IN!



PAKISTAN, LAND OF MYSTERY! YOU KNOW THE BIG MYSTERY TO ME IS HOW TO KNOW WHO IS ON WHICH SIDE!

YOU WILL DISCOVER, MR. TRASK, THAT IT IS BEST FOR FOREIGNERS LIKE YOURSELF NOT EVEN TO WONDER!



WHAT HAPPENS HERE WILL BE FELT ALL OVER THE WORLD! EVERY AMERICAN WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE RESULTS OF THE KASHMIR CONFERENCE!

THEN YOU ARE INTERESTED IN POLITICS! ER... EXCUSE ME IF I RUN BACK FOR MY SHAWL! I FIND THE NIGHT AIR CHILLY!



NO, NO... YOU STAY HERE, MR. TRASK! WHEN I RETURN WE SHALL TALK FURTHER!

THIS IS A SET-UP FOR SOMETHING! MAYBE I'M TAKING A CHANCE OUT HERE, BUT IT MAY BE A QUICK WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!



I FOUND OUT IN A HURRY! MIRVANI HADN'T BEEN GONE FIVE MINUTES WHEN...

THIS IS THE ONE! QUICKLY!

WHAT...!



EXCELLENT! THIS CAPITALIST PEEG VILL NOT INTERFERE VID OUR PLANS FOR THE CONFERENCE!

ARGH!

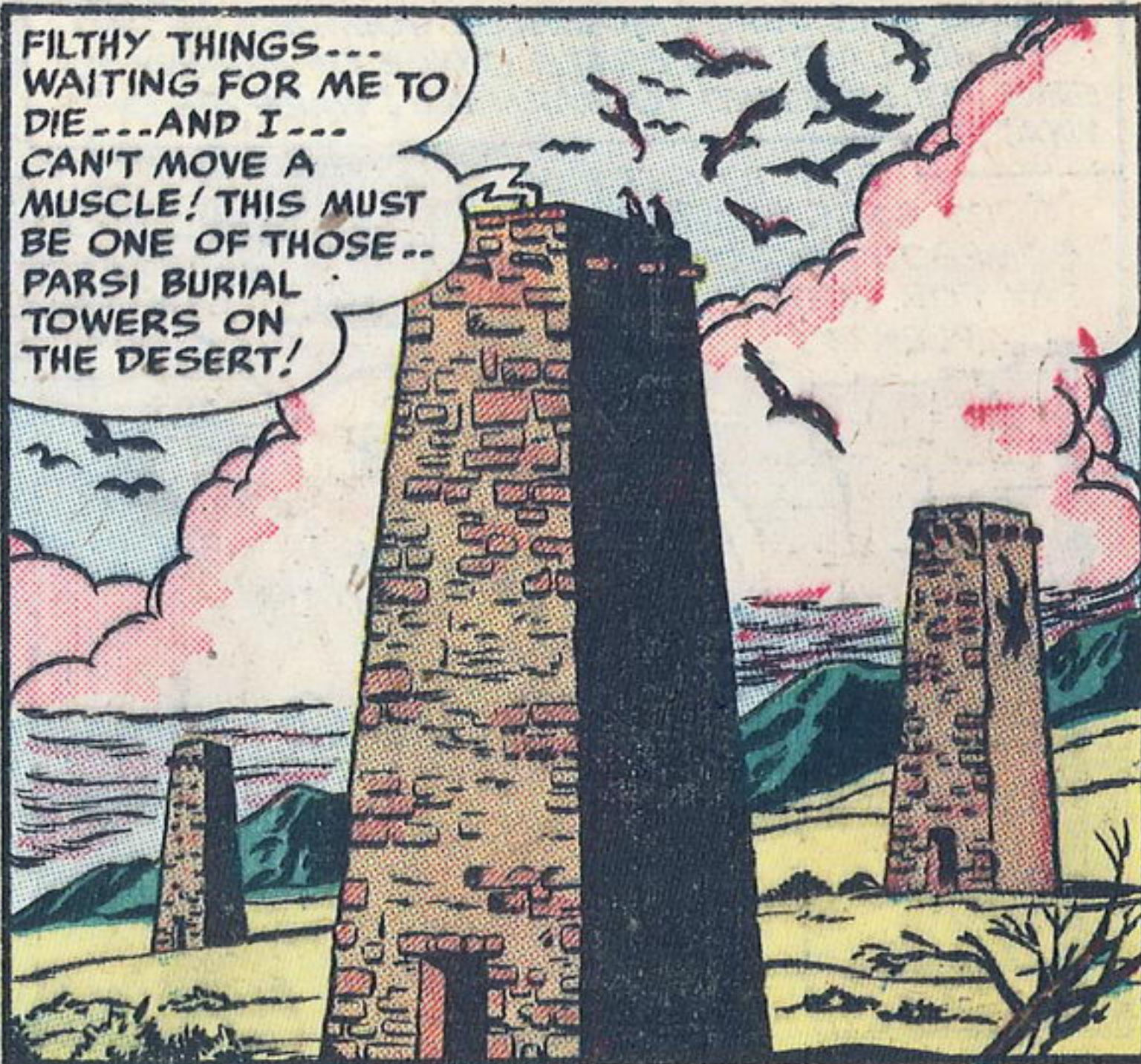


WAKING UP IN A MODERN KARACHI APARTMENT IS ONE THING, BUT IT'S SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR EYES AND SEE ---

VULTURES! GOOD GRIEF! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?



FILTHY THINGS... WAITING FOR ME TO DIE...AND I... CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE! THIS MUST BE ONE OF THOSE... PARSI BURIAL TOWERS ON THE DESERT!



I THINK I DIED A HUNDRED DEATHS THAT DAY! THE SUN BEAT DOWN LIKE A BLAST FURNACE... AND BACK IN MY HEAD WAS THE THOUGHT THAT THE VULTURES WOULDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT!

HEAT...CAN'T STAND... MUCH MORE...GOT TO... UGH... GET LOOSE!



AND THE DESERT NIGHT WAS AS COLD AS THE DAY HAD BEEN HOT!

DIRTY SCUM...KNEW I'D BE PICKED CLEAN...LEAVE NO EVIDENCE! UH...LOOKS... LIKE THIS IS...IT!



SOMEWHERE IN THE DISTANCE I HEARD A MOTOR, THEN A SOUND LIKE SOME-ONE CLIMBING THE TOWER STEPS! I GUESS I MUST HAVE PASSED OUT, BECAUSE...

PETE! PETE, YOU'VE GOT TO WAKE UP! IT'S JIMMIE!

JIMMIE LADRAS!



GET OUT OF HERE, PETE! QUICK...!

YOU...YOU'VE BEEN SHOT! TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED, JIM! WHAT'S GOING ON?



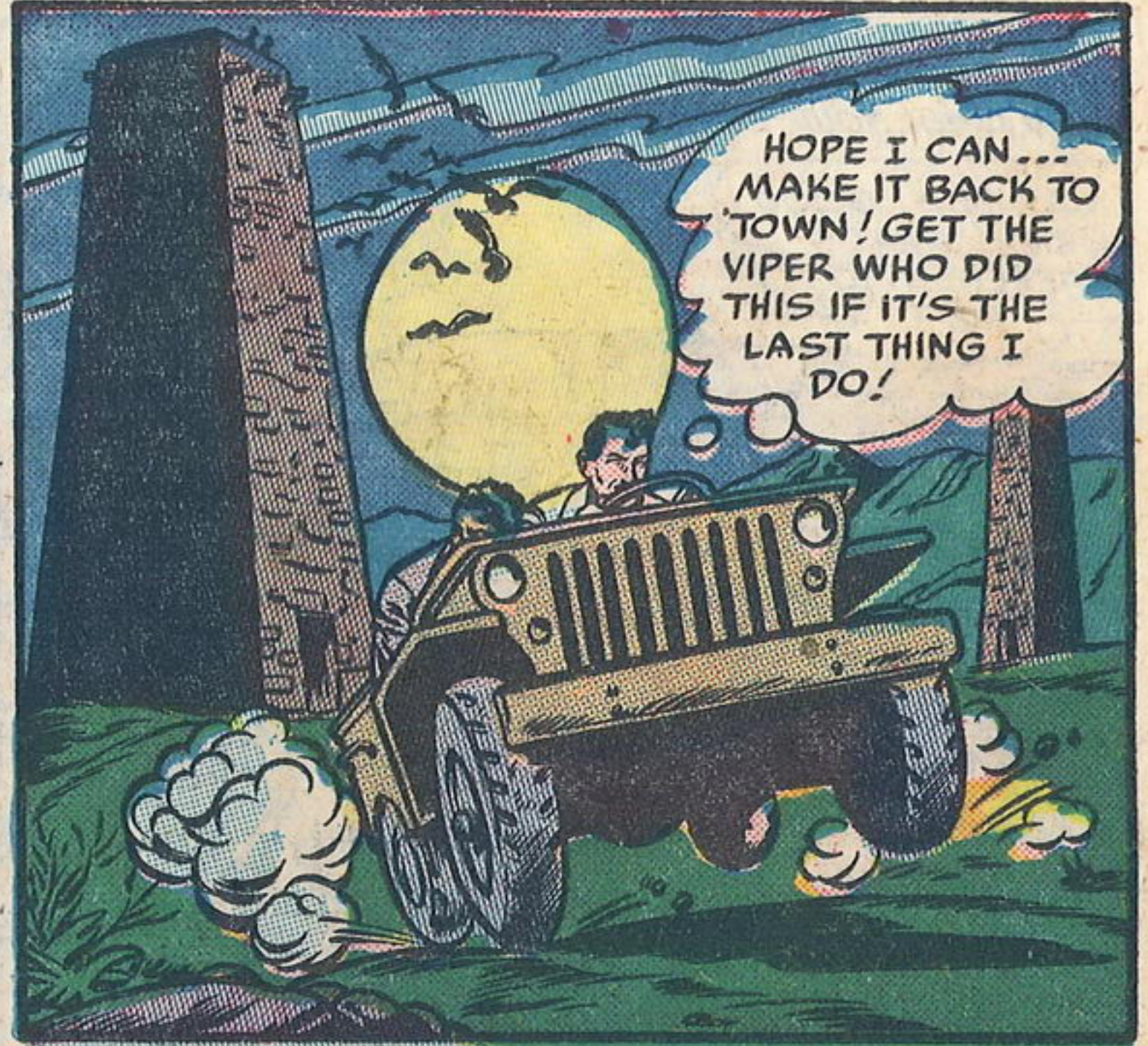
TRAP...! THEY GOT ME, PETE! DON'T LET THEM... DON'T GO TO... AHHH!

JIMMIE!



JIMMIE WAS DEAD! MORTALLY WOUNDED, HE HAD USED HIS LAST DESPERATE OUNCE OF ENERGY TO SAVE MY LIFE AND TO WARN ME! WARN ME OF WHAT?

GOT TO GET HIS BODY BACK TO KARACHI! SOMEBODY'S GOING TO PAY FOR THIS! PAY PLENTY!



HOPE I CAN... MAKE IT BACK TO TOWN! GET THE VIPER WHO DID THIS IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

SOMEHOW I LIVED THROUGH THE NIGHTMARISH RIDE! ONLY ONE THING KEPT ME GOING... THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SOMEONE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE KASHMIR CONFERENCE HAD MURDERED ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS! THE KASHMIR TRAIN PULLED OUT AT 9 A.M. ---AND I HAD TO BE ON IT!

SORRY I'M LATE, DASTUR! I WAS AFRAID I'D MISS THE CONFERENCE TRAIN FOR KASHMIR!

PETE TRASK!



SURPRISED TO SEE ME?

YES, OF COURSE! LISA SAID YOU DISAPPEARED AT THE EMBASSY CLUB NIGHT BEFORE LAST! WHEN YOU DIDN'T REPORT YESTERDAY, I WAS AFRAID THE MAHA-RAJAH HAD DISPOSED OF YOU!



MAYBE HE TRIED! MAYBE HE WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL WITH JIMMIE LADRAS!

TRAIN'S LEAVING! PHONE ME FROM KASHMIR... NO TIME TO TALK NOW!

THERE'LL BE TIME TO TALK LATER, DASTUR! ONLY YOU'RE GOING TO DO THE TALKING!



THE CLUB CAR OF THAT TRAIN MADE ME THINK IT WAS OLD HOME WEEK!

WELL! IT'S TAKEN YOU A LONG TIME TO FIND YOUR SHAWL, HASN'T IT, SISTER? OR DID YOU WANT TO ALLOW THE VULTURES PLENTY OF TIME?

MR. TRASK! I... I CANNOT EXPLAIN NOW! IT WAS... A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!





MY FATHER DID NOT WANT YOUR INTERFERENCE! PERHAPS HIS MEN WERE TOO RASH IN DETAINING YOU!

THAT'S THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR, BABY! MAYBE YOUR FATHER DOESN'T KNOW HE'S DEALING WITH... HEY!

I HAD SEEN THAT FACE BEFORE! ONLY FOR AN INSTANT, BUT I WASN'T LIKELY TO FORGET IT! HE DUCKED INTO THE NEXT CAR AS HE SAW ME, BUT...



HOLD IT, MR. RAT! HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

NO! NO, I HAVE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE!



OOOF!

WELL, YOU SEE ME NOW!



UH... URGH!

NOW TELL ME WHO KILLED JIMMIE LADRAS! TALK, SCUM!



TALK, BEFORE I...OWOOO!

THERE WEREN'T ANY VULTURES BUZZING AROUND WHEN I WOKE UP IN THAT KASHMIR RESORT HOTEL, BUT MIRVANI WAS THERE... WITH A TWO-LEGGED COYOTE!



I AM BEGINNING TO WONDER IF MY FATHER HAS NOT MADE A MISTAKE DEALING WITH YOU, LATKOFF! FOR HIS SAKE I COOPERATE, BUT I WILL NOT CO-OPERATE WITH MURDERERS!

BECAUSE IT IS MY INTENTION TO BOMB THE CONFERENCE? FOOLISH SENTIMENTAL CHILD!



MY FATHER WILL NOT BE IN THE MEETING HALL! WHEN THE DEED IS DONE, IT WILL BE OBVIOUS WHY HE STAYED AWAY!

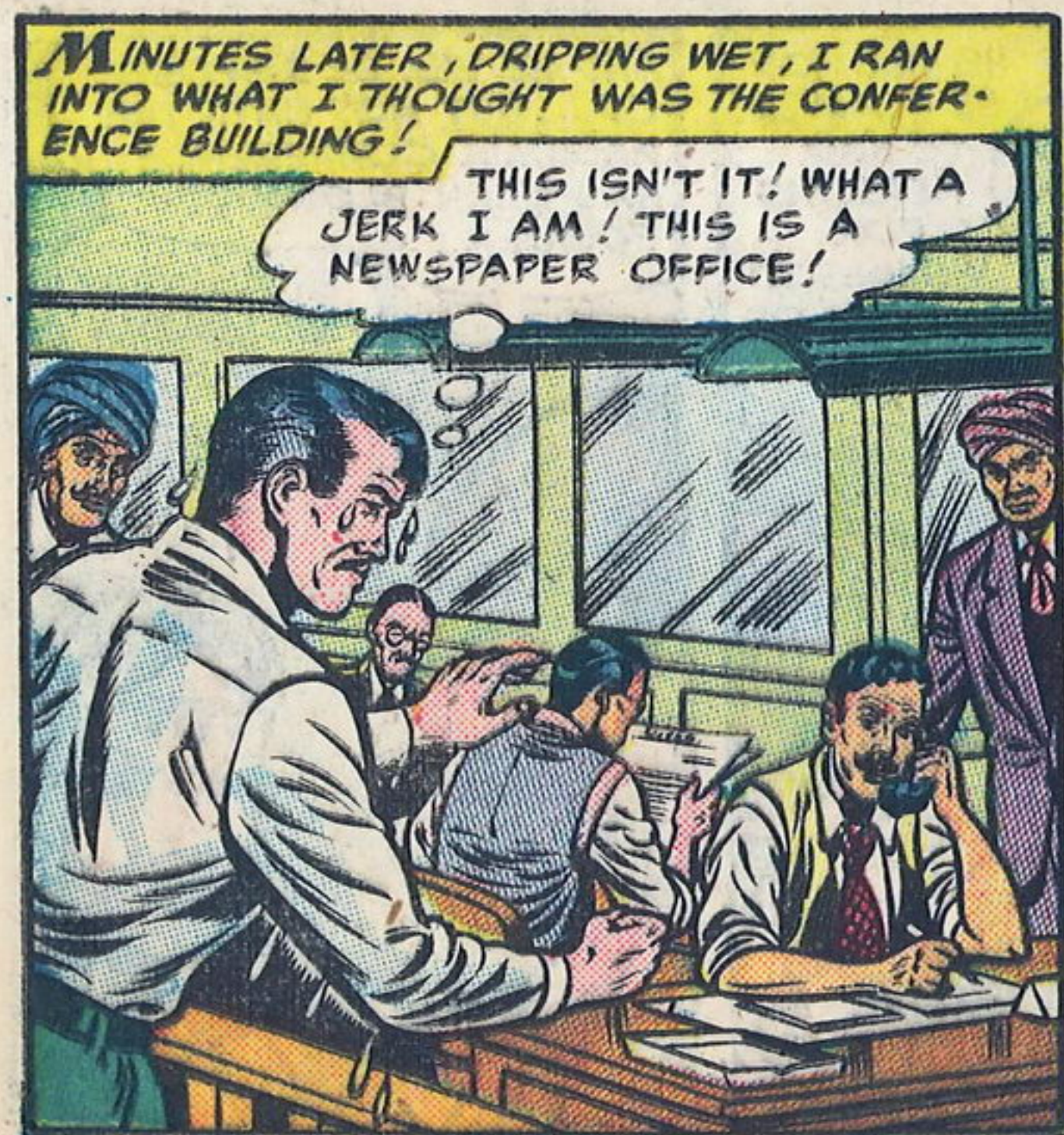
HE VILL NOT BE BLAMED! VE HAD REASONS FOR VISHING TO DISPOSE OF MR. TRASK!



AND HE VILL BE DISPOSED OF... BUT NOT UNTIL THE KASHMIR CONFERENCE HAS BEEN BLOWN TO POWDER!

BUT... THAT WILL MEAN WAR!

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I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO READ THE STORY!

THAT'S THE CONFERENCE HALL ACROSS THE STREET! BUT IF I GO IN AND I'M TOO LATE...THIS HEADLINE WILL BE TRUE!

MIRVANI! WHAT... HOW...

I SCREAMED UNTIL THE HOTEL MANAGER OPENED THE DOOR! THEN I RAN INTO THE CONFERENCE BUILDING AND WARNED THE DELEGATES, BUT I'M CONVINCED IT WAS A FALSE ALARM!

FALSE ALARM? SIXTY SECONDS LATER A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION SHOOK THE GROUND UNDER OUR FEET!

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN THAT BUILDING! LATKOFF IS A MONSTER!

HE'S GOING TO BE A DEAD MONSTER IN A MINUTE!

BOOM!

YOU WON'T EVEN MAKE GOOD VULTURE BAIT, YOU BUTCHER!

AIIII!

BUT THERE WAS MORE UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT KARACHI!

CUTE GAME, DASTUR! YOU KIDNAPPED JIMMIE, SET UP THE FRAME WITH LATKOFF AND TOOK OVER THIS OFFICE! JIMMIE MADE A BREAK FOR IT WHEN HE FOUND OUT I WAS ON THAT PARS! TOWER AND YOU SHOT HIM!

YOU WON'T LIVE TO PROVE THAT, TRASK!

I'LL KILL... OWOOO!

COMPLIMENTS OF JIMMIE LADRAS!

LET'S GO, SISTER! THE WASHINGTON OFFICE WILL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING YOUR STORY!

AND WHEN I FINALLY BOARDED A PLANE OUT OF KARACHI!

I SEE YOU'VE MADE PROGRESS SINCE YOUR LAST FLIGHT, MR. TRASK! YOU'RE HOLDING HER HAND!

SURE! BUT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE HANDCUFFS, I'D BE WRINGING HER NECK!

PICT-O-CRIME

A MAN WAS SHOT! THE KILLER ADMITTED HIS CRIME AND CLAIMED IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE! BUT WAS IT? DETECTIVE ALAN SYKES KNEW! DO YOU?

AS DETECTIVE ALAN SYKES ENTERED THE OFFICE OF THE CASINO CLUB...

ARE YOU NICK SERGEANT, THE OWNER HERE?

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M THE ONE WHO CALLED THE POLICE! I JUST KILLED A MAN!

BUT IT WASN'T MURDER! IT WAS A CASE OF SELF-DEFENSE! YOU CAN'T CONVICT A MAN FOR THAT, CAN YOU?

A MAN HAS A RIGHT TO PROTECT HIS OWN LIFE! TELL ME THE STORY!

WELL, JOE DUNCAN HERE AND I WERE PARTNERS ONCE! HE SAID I DOUBLE-CROSSED HIM AND HE THREATENED TO GET ME! I GUESS YOU KNOW THAT!

I'VE HEARD IT! GO ON!

I WAS SITTING HERE WHEN HE CAME IN AND DREW A GUN ON ME! I REACHED INTO THE DRAWER AND GOT MINE! IT WAS HIM OR ME AND I BEAT HIM TO IT!

HE WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF THIS CHAIR?

THAT'S RIGHT! HE SLUMPED DOWN INTO IT BEFORE HE DIED! I WAS SITTING HERE AS I SAID!

YOU'RE A GOOD SHOT, NICK! THE BULLET WENT THROUGH HIS BODY AND CAME OUT THE OTHER SIDE!

AND IT LODGED HERE IN THE BASE BOARD! BUT I KNOW YOUR STORY'S A PHONY! THAT'S WHY I'M ARRESTING YOU ON A CHARGE OF MURDER!

MURDER? WHY WOULD YOU ACCUSE ME OF MURDER?

How did Detective Alan Sykes know that Nick Sergeant had been lying? What was the clue? Turn to the next page for the answer and solution to the case!

The Jewel Thief

THERE was every reason why Mrs. J. Worthington Croydon would call a private detective instead of the police when she discovered that fifty thousand dollars worth of her jewels were missing. First of all, she strongly suspected that it had been an inside job. Then, she was loathe to let her husband know how careless she had been with such treasured possessions by tossing them aimlessly into a dresser drawer. But above all, people in their social position didn't want publicity on the front pages.

Bill Gaylord, the private eye, came to the Croydon's lavish apartment as soon as he could get there. The lady, herself, was in tears and being comforted by a friend who gave her name as Cynthia Tesdell. Bill thought Cynthia wasn't bad. In fact, she was a pretty glamorous gal. Her low cut evening gown was quite intriguing. And the perfume that was like an aura around her was enough to make a man forget the job at hand, if he'd allow it. It was a heavy sweet odor of lilacs, one that Bill knew well. When he was a boy, there had been lilac bushes all around the lawn and the aroma had penetrated the air. Sometimes a little too much, like this.

"All right, Mrs. Croydon," snapped Bill Gaylord and he took his mind from Cynthia, "tell me the story. What's missing and when did you last see these jewels?"

"There were just three pieces," said Mrs. Croydon as she dried her eyes. "A necklace, a bracelet, and a ring. And I know they were here this afternoon because I had been to a luncheon and had worn all three."

Cynthia Tesdell nodded. "I'll agree to that," she said. "I was with her at the luncheon."

"Okay," nodded the detective. "I'll take your word for it. Then what?"

"Miss Tesdell and I were both to attend the same party tonight," explained Mrs. Croydon, "so she went home to dress. I had the chauffeur stop by to pick her up. You see, my husband's out of town so we went alone. The apartment was left to the servants while we were gone."

Bill called in the servants. The maid admitted that she had been in Mrs. Croydon's room to get it back in good order. The butler had been there, too, to pick up a tray because the mistress of the house had wanted a cup of tea before she left that evening. And the chauffeur had entered later, simply to return a scarf that Mrs. Croydon had dropped in the car when he had taken her and Miss Tesdell to the party.

"You're all under suspicion," said Bill Gaylord. "No one is to leave this house . . . except you, Miss Tesdell."

"Why me?" she asked with surprise. "I should think I'd be as much suspected as the rest."

"You are," grinned the detective. "I'm going to search this place and then I want to go to yours and search it. And you're to go with me. Any objections?"

"Of course not," answered Cynthia Tesdell. Then she opened her dainty evening purse and took out a handkerchief to dab at her pretty eyes. "Only you'll find that I am innocent."

Bill, too, thought that she was innocent but an all around search was part of his job. The odor

of lilacs again came from the purse, even stronger than before. Bill turned and glanced toward the small handbag and then went about his search of the apartment. He found nothing, but the servants all acted so suspicious that he wondered if they were working together, perhaps passing the jewels around to try to throw him off the track. All were searched. The maid cried and the butler and the chauffeur were belligerent. Bill knew that any one could be guilty.

At Cynthia's apartment, she asked a favor. "I'd like to change my clothes," she said, "and pack a small bag. Mrs. Croydon's terribly upset and it's best that she shouldn't be left alone there tonight."

"Go ahead," agreed Bill. "I'll go through a routine search. And I'll have to go through your bag before you leave, you know."

It was a tough job, turning neat dresser drawers upside down. But Bill covered things pretty thoroughly as Cynthia looked on. She was wearing a street dress now. And her overnight bag certainly contained no jewels. She carried the same little purse—the detective had already seen into it.

Back at the Croydon apartment, Bill sat near the lady who had lost her jewels. Cynthia went upstairs to powder her nose and came back at once.

The maid went to Mrs. Croydon's room to prepare it for the night. But she soon came down again. The jewels, she said, were right in Mrs. Croydon's jewel box on her dresser.

Bill had checked on that before. He knew they had been replaced by someone. And the moment he opened the box and took out the necklace and bracelet and ring, he knew who was guilty.

"Tried to fool me, huh, sweetheart?" he asked as he turned to Cynthia. "Put these into your purse when you were changing clothes and then planted them here, didn't you? You're under arrest."

"You're crazy," screamed Cynthia. "I'm Mrs. Croydon's friend."

"Or you pretend to be," added Bill. "But you made one mistake—of wearing such strong lilac perfume. These things reek of it. I'm a little bit like a bloodhound, baby. They follow the scent."

Cynthia confessed. Bill Gaylord had solved the case of the jewel thief.

PICT-O-CRIME SOLUTION

When Detective Alan Sykes saw the bullet in the baseboard, he knew that Nick Sergeant had been lying! For if Nick had been sitting at his desk and Joe Duncan standing, the bullet would have gone upward, high into the wall. Actually, it was just the reverse. Nick was standing and Duncan was sitting. And Nick later admitted to murder. Joe had pulled his gun too late! And Nick, like all who deal in crime, had overlooked an important clue!

Among THE UNIFORMED POLICE WHO PATROL THE STREETS OF OUR CITIES, THERE ARE MANY UNSUNG HEROES! THIS IS THE STORY OF A ROOKIE COP WHO, BECAUSE HE HAD A SOFT HEART, HAD TO RISK HIS LIFE TO PROVE THAT HE WAS

HARD-FISTED GARY MALONE



OFFICER MALONE LIKED HIS BEAT! ON THE WHOLE, THE PEOPLE WERE FRIENDLY! AND HE TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST IN EACH ONE!

GOOD MORNING, MRS. CARLOTTI! FEELING BETTER TODAY?

YES, THANK YOU! HAVE A COOKIE!



THANKS! I BELIEVE I WILL!



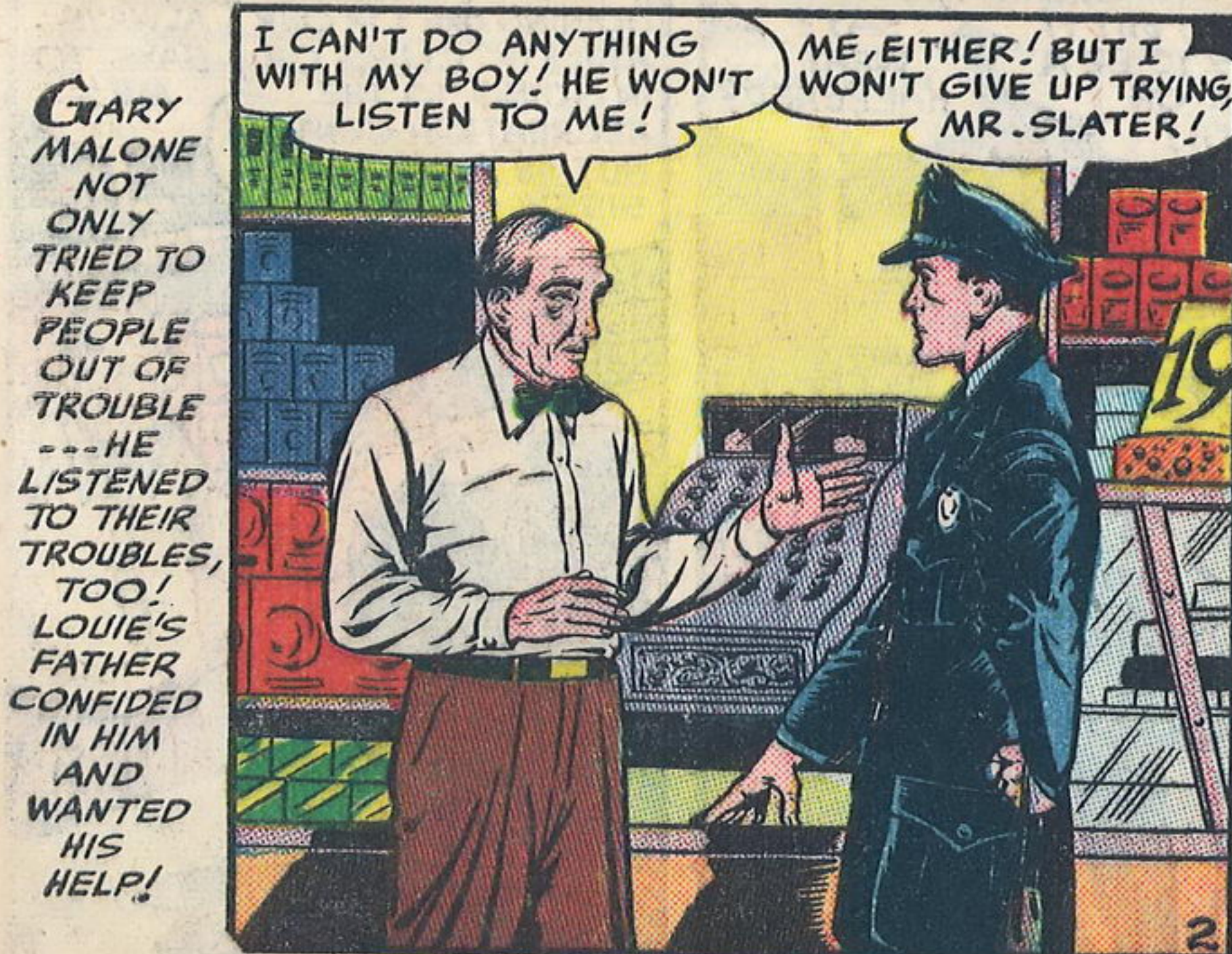
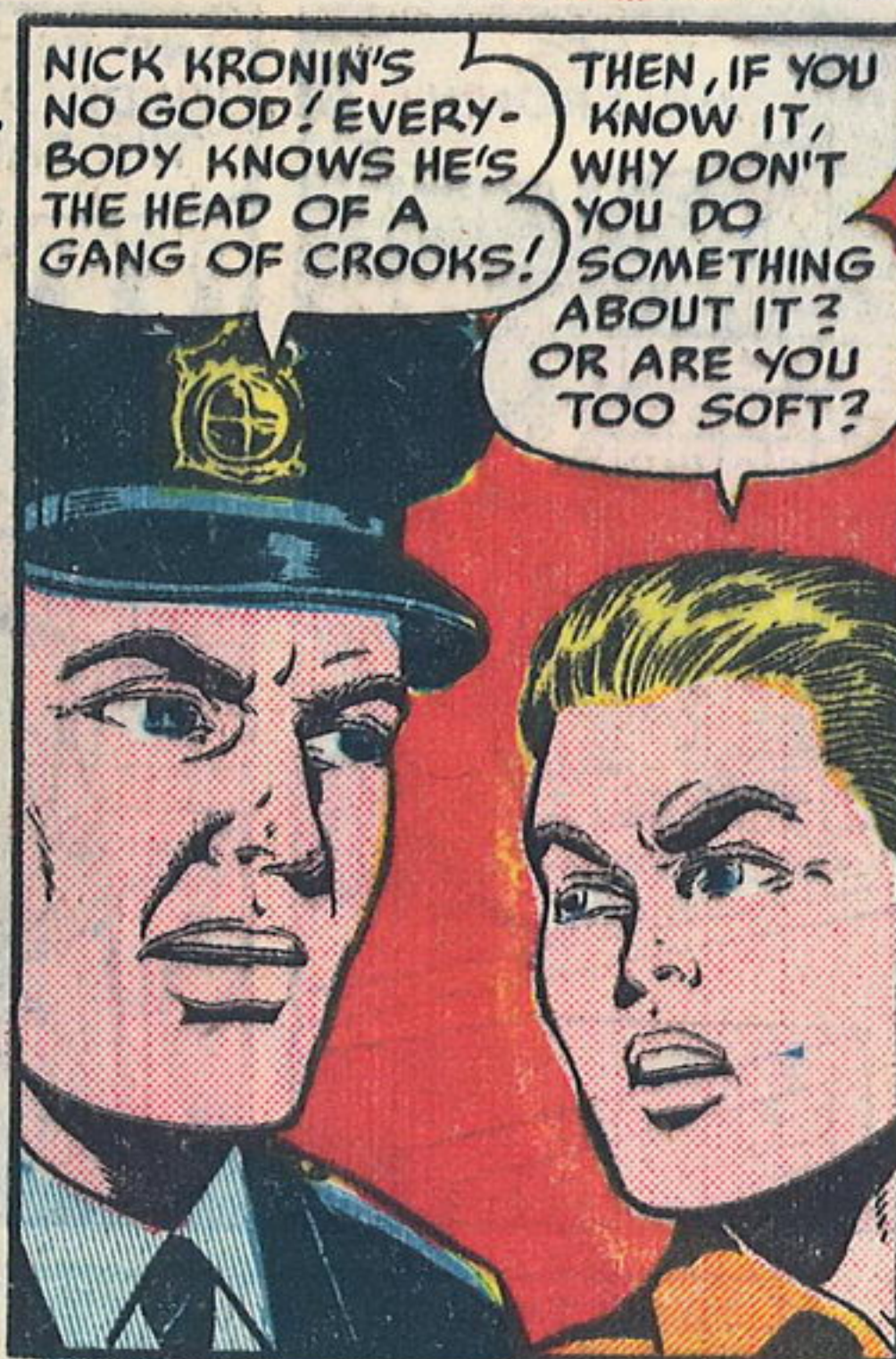
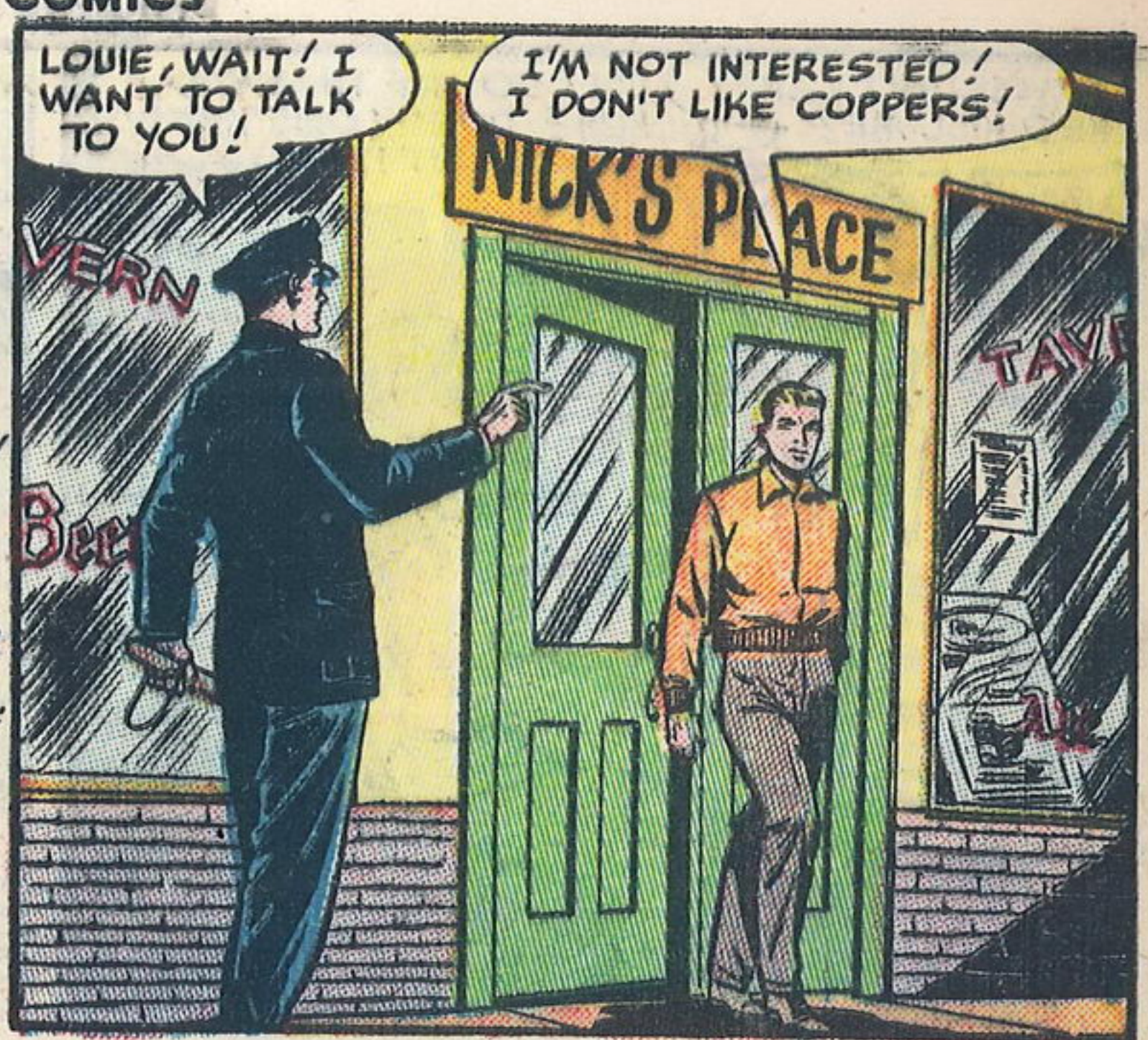
HELLO, GARY!

COME PLAY BALL WITH US, HUH?





YES, MOST OF THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET WERE FRIENDLY BUT NOT ALL! LOUIE SLATER WAS ONE OF THEM! ONE DAY...

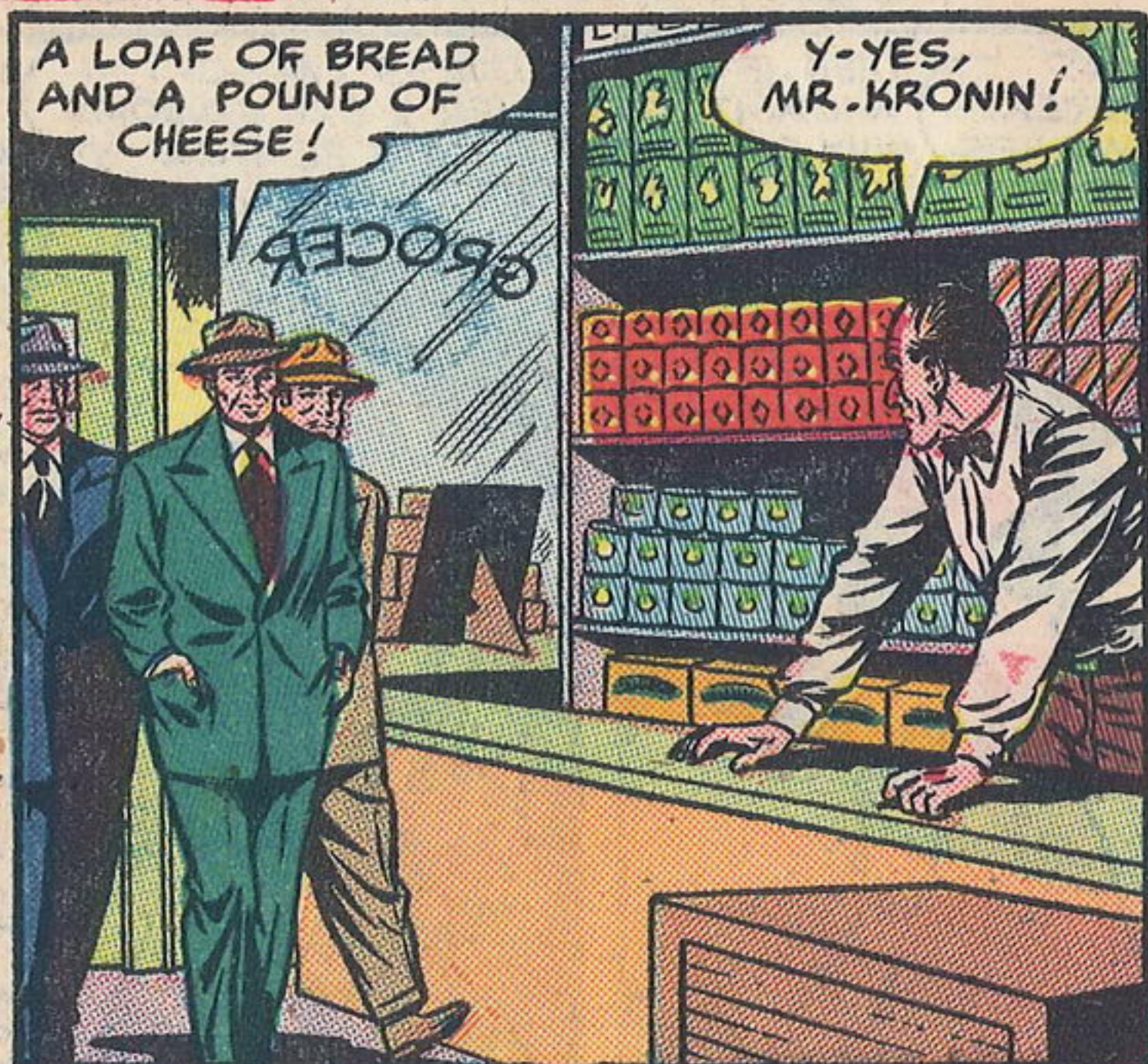


GARY MALONE NOT ONLY TRIED TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF TROUBLE --- HE LISTENED TO THEIR TROUBLES, TOO! LOUIE'S FATHER CONFIDED IN HIM AND WANTED HIS HELP!





NICK KRONIN'S SECRET WAS WELL GUARDED BY HIS THREATS! HE WAS RUNNING A PAY-OFF RACKET! A FEW DAYS LATER...



MR. SLATER WAS AFRAID TO TALK BUT HE WAS ALSO AFRAID FOR HIS SON'S FUTURE, PERHAPS EVENTUALLY AS A MEMBER OF KRONIN'S GANG! THAT SAME DAY...



POLICE COMICS



HE LOOKS UPON KRONIN AS A HE-MAN, SMARTER AND TOUGHER THAN ANY COP! PARTICULARLY ME!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!



CHEER UP, POP! I MAY THINK OF SOMETHING YET!

I HOPE SO, MY BOY! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN COUNT ON TO HELP ME!

BUT WHILE OFFICER MALONE WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO HELP THE ELDERLY GROCER, HE WAS ACTUALLY PUTTING HIM IN DANGER! FOR KRONIN WAS SUSPICIOUS!



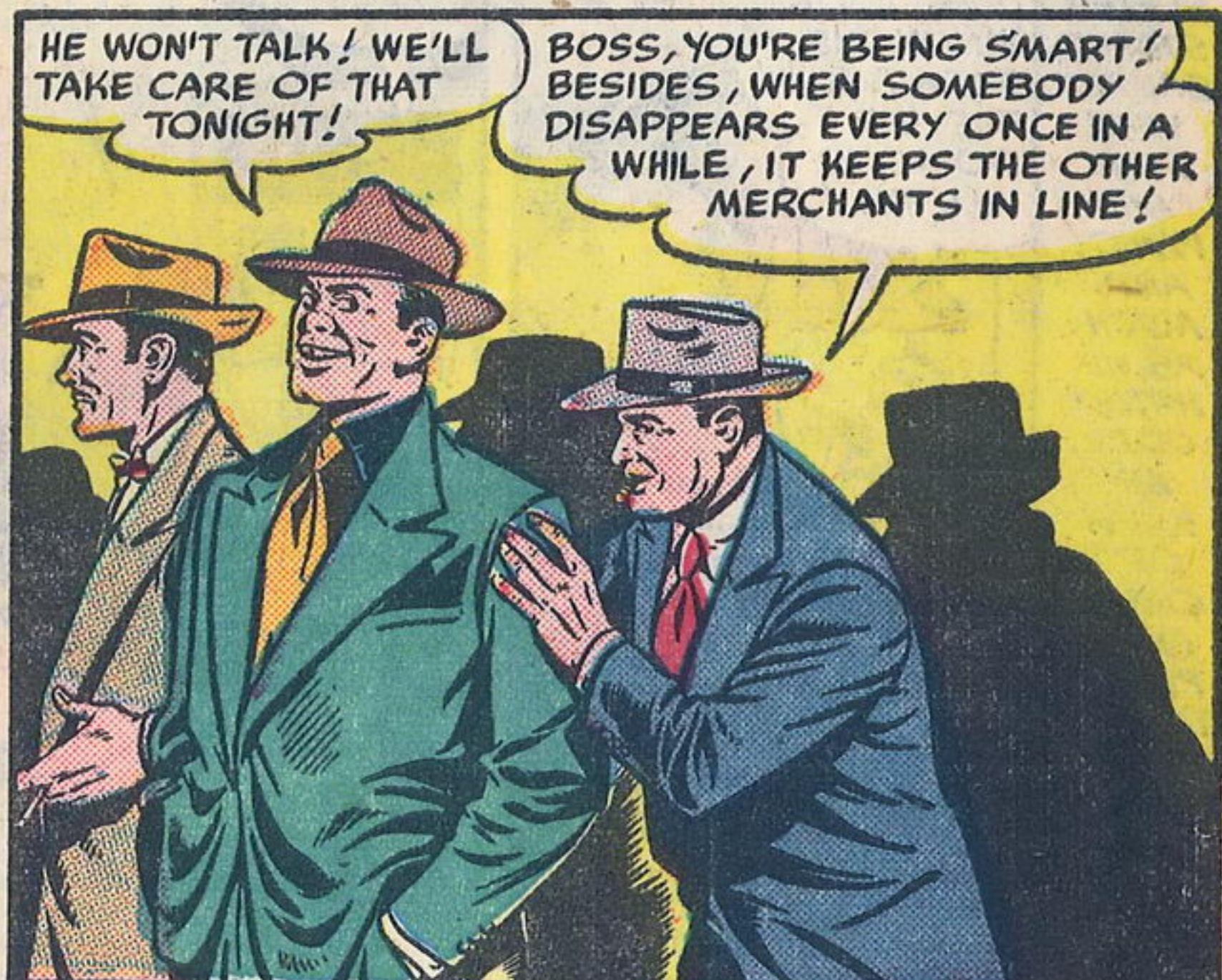
THERE HE GOES! THAT COP'S BEEN HANGING AROUND SLATER'S A LITTLE TOO MUCH TO SUIT ME!

YEAH! I THINK THE OLD MAN'S SAID SOMETHING THAT'S PUT HIM WISE!



IT'S MY GUESS THAT MALONE'S TRYING TO FORCE INFORMATION OUT OF THE OLD BOY!

AND HE'S JUST SCARED ENOUGH AND DUMB ENOUGH TO TALK!



HE WON'T TALK! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT TONIGHT!

BOSS, YOU'RE BEING SMART! BESIDES, WHEN SOMEBODY DISAPPEARS EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, IT KEEPS THE OTHER MERCHANTS IN LINE!



THAT NIGHT, WHEN MR. SLATER CLOSED THE STORE...

OKAY, SLATER, DO AS WE SAY! GO RIGHT DOWN THE STREET TO NICK'S PLACE!

AND IF YOU MAKE A PEEP, WE'LL PLUG YOU!



BUT YOU SAID I COULD HAVE TWO DAYS TO GET THE MONEY!

THE BOSS CHANGED HIS MIND!

POLICE COMICS



TURN HERE! WE'RE TAKING YOU IN THE BACK WAY!

DAD! KRONIN'S PLACE

WE'LL KEEP YOU HERE TILL CLOSING TIME!

THEN WE'LL TAKE YOU FOR A NICE RIDE, SLATER, JUST TO BE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT! THERE'S JUST ONE WAY TO BE SURE!

LOUIE SLATER STARED, GRIPPED WITH FEAR AND PANIC! AND, MUCH AS HE HATED COPS, HE KNEW OF ONLY ONE PERSON TO TURN TO FOR HELP!

OFFICER, IT'S MY DAD! KRONIN'S MEN JUST TOOK HIM IN THE BACK ROOM! THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HIM!

WHAT? LET'S GO!

HEY, YOU CAN'T GO BACK THERE!

TRY TO STOP ME!

OUT OF MY WAY! YOU, TOO, KRONIN!

UGH!

SOCK!

I'LL SHOOT!

YOU WON'T HAVE TIME! BESIDES, YOUR SHOOTING DAYS ARE OVER!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE, GARY!

MR. SLATER LATER WAS WILLING TO TALK AND HIS EVIDENCE WAS ENOUGH TO CONVICT KRONIN AND HIS GANG! AND IT WAS ENOUGH TO CONVINCE LOUIE TO STAY ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW!

GOSH, OFFICER MALONE, YOU SURE LANDED SOME TOUGH PUNCHES ON THOSE CROOKS!

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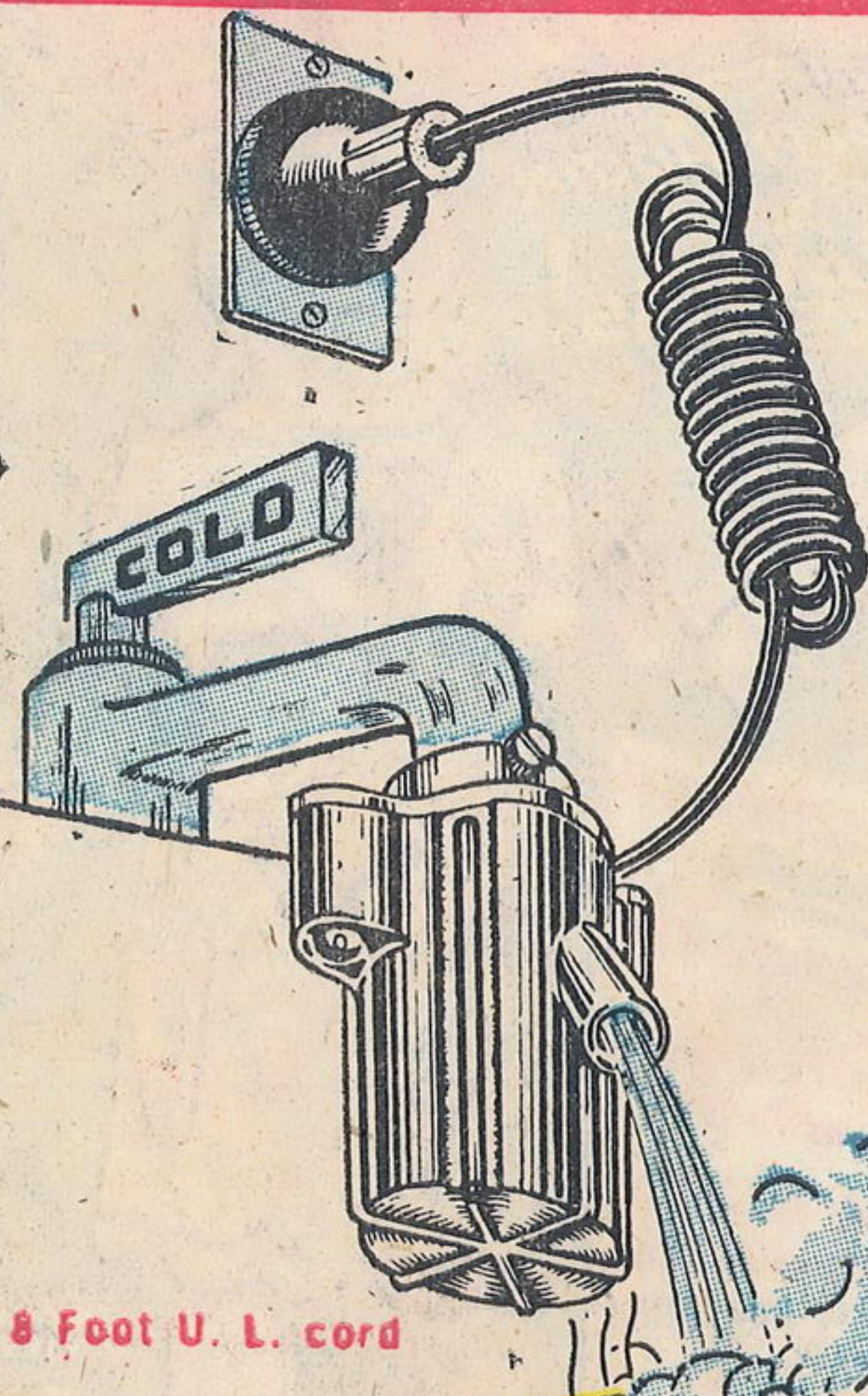
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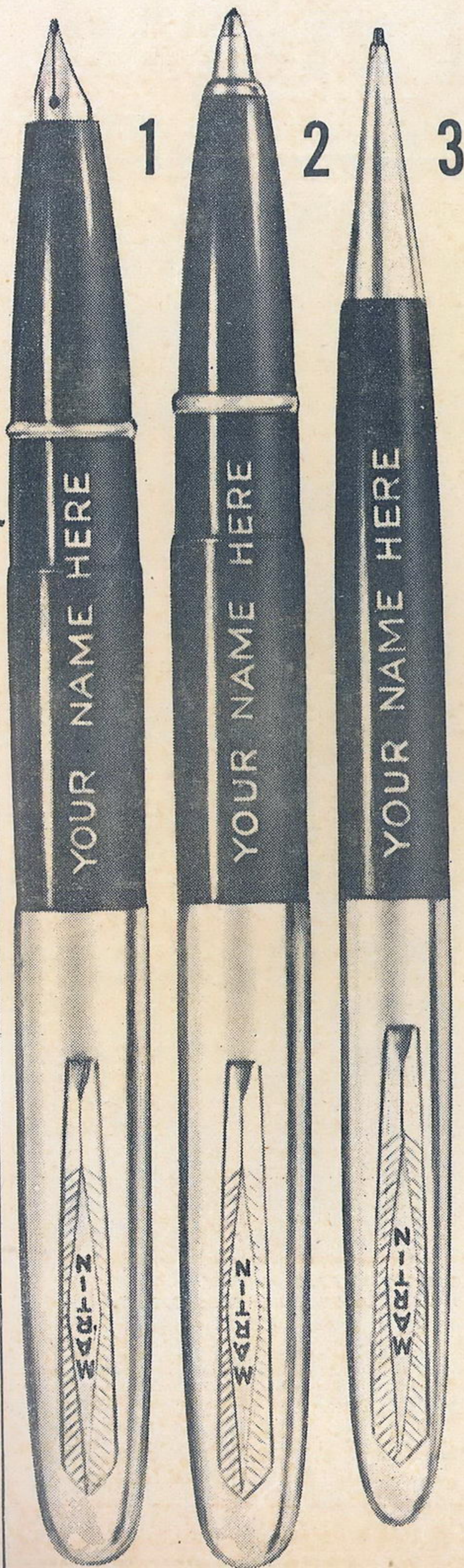
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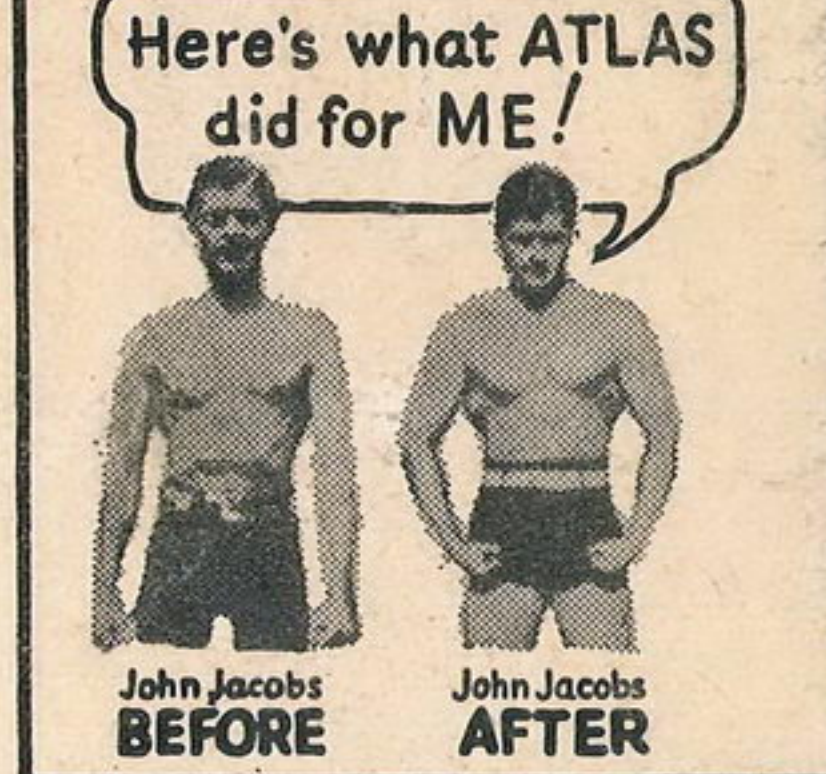


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